

Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program (MPCCP)
Social Coordinating Group (SCG) Meeting #18
September 15, Tuesday, 2009
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Native Education College

Meeting Summary Notes

Attendance:

Zoe W, Shauna M, Reila H, Zsuzsi H, Stephani A, Christina C, Janet B, Ed L, Mighty Rider staff, Wendy D, Desri M, and Carol D

Regrets: Judi P, Robert M, Christine O

City Staff: Angela Ko, Dana W - recorder

1. Opening Remarks:

14 SCG members and friends present.

2. Mount Pleasant Community Plan Update

- Shopping Area Workshop #4: Sunday, September 20, 2009
This is the final workshop: dealing with height and density in the shopping areas.
- Residential Area Open House Series: October to November, 2009
A series of public workshops (5) will be held on five separate topics: transportation, housing and safety and security and so forth. SCG members will be invited to the safety and security workshop: tentative October 28, Wednesday.

3. SCG and Working Group updates:

Each member gave a quick update on what they have been working on and information about neighbourhood issues:

Vancouver Recovery Club is launching some new programs:

Starting a reading and writing drop in program to help many homeless people to obtain broader skills. Also launching a local newspaper/magazine project that will further build up media skills and job training experience for club members; and the paper will/may offer low income businesses in Mt. Pleasant another way to advertize. There is another BCNPA 17th annual event coming up. For more information call Reila at 604-708-9955, or visit the website.

The **SCG Support for the Vulnerable** working group has had a follow up meeting/dinner with the Nanook housing residents. The plan is to carry out another activity with the parents and kids. Back in March 2009 the group carried out the single mom's clothing swap.

Annual Harvest Festival Fundraiser and street party hosted by the Neighbourhood House is being held next Saturday, September 26. There is an opportunity for the SCG to advertize for more members, volunteers and showcase our projects. We might be able to have a booth. Contact Dana if

interested. Attachment flyer to be sent out. Please print and advertize locally on behalf of the House.

A SCG member thanked the **local police** for moving people along from Guelph park and the Mt. Pleasant elementary school area, where there has been reports of previous drinking and over night sleeping.

The **10th Avenue Church** has several programs that serve the local community. Out of the cold, and Oasis lunch program on Tuesdays. More recently have begun to conduct a needs assessment for the area; focus will be on kid's after-school programming and requirements, as well as looking at some of the general community needs: including men and women mentorship opportunities, job shadowing, alcohol and drug counselling, addressing elderly people's service needs. Open to networking with businesses to do job shadowing, part-time work, and various partnerships with community centres and others. Visit <http://www.tenth.ca/about/directions/> , or contact Wendy at 604-876-2181, ext 104

- **J. Mcknight** is in Vancouver next week giving two presentations at UBC and the DTES. Advertisements online.

Regular Agenda Items:

- **Cycle back** is to launch this month at the Mighty Rider's location: 208-2520 Ontario street at West Broadway. The program includes 40 hours of bike repair training and school course certificates (5 different ones). Three students from the **Lookout Society's** housing residence at Yukon Street will be the first to enter the program. Broadway Youth Resource Centre will also be a partner for older youth. If you have any bikes to donate please contact Ed, or the Lookout Society at Yukon. The **Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood house** will be handling the community outreach and engagement portion in conjunction with other community development work that the House is already doing. Four working groups will be formed to develop art and cultural projects related to Cycle Back and other community interests and themes. Two groups will focus on pre-teen and homelessness.

A Cycle Back steering committee will be formed to oversee the project: operations, fund raising, promotions, and communications. A member from the SCG is required to attend. This SCG member will communicate back to the bigger group. The wiki site is a possible venue for this purpose. Other ideas are welcome. A representative will be chosen at the October SCG meeting. Please send Dana your thoughts and nominations. The term of membership could vary to give other members a chance to participate. Cycle Back is proposed to be a long term community-based program starting in 2011.

- **H'Arts for the homeless** project is being held by the Lookout Society on October 22, 2009. Former homeless people will be showcasing art, entertainment and community pride. See attachment for details and to purchase a ticket.

- **New Mt. Pleasant Community Policing Branch office** opens. Located at the Heritage Hall. Attachment to be sent out. Local volunteers are needed, contact 604-874-6610 for information.
- The **Intercultural Leaders** are hosting a second follow up workshop to July's session where 13 out of 16 attended. The follow up workshop is set for September 17. Angela gave an overview of the purpose and goals behind the initiative. The leaders come from a very diverse background of cultures, languages and faiths, as well as frontline workers from the Neighbourhood House and other organizations. They are identifying what are the different barriers and opportunities to building a more inclusive neighbourhood in Mt Pleasant. Some of their potential actions and projects may overlap with some of the SCG's initiatives. There may be an opportunity for the SCG to meet and participate with the leaders group. Both groups are engaged in building community awareness and support to address local social issues; and to seek out ways to become more inclusive among themselves and the larger community. Local actions and social policy development will be pursued as possible outcomes to the workshops. Contact Angela at 871-6895 (604) for more information.

4. **SCG Actions and Projects: Evaluation Framework**

Dersii and Dana reviewed some of the findings from the SCG's July workshop. Another workshop will be held to review those findings, identify common themes, ideas and actions. The work will help to advance community-based policy directly related to the actions and projects completed by the SCG. Findings from the second workshop will be shared with the broader community through the Residential Area Workshops starting up in October. The workshop will also clarify next steps for the SCG in 2010/2011.

Preferred date and time: September 29, 2009, 6 to 9 pm, with food. An email will ask members to confirm availability. Members that plan to attend should read the transcripts from the first workshop on-line at www.vancouver.ca/mountpleasant , under Social Coordinating Group

Dana will send out an evaluation framework based on the splash and ripple approach for the actions and projects evaluation work to be completed this fall, before December, 2009. This evaluation, added to the emerging policy work from the workshops, will complete the social program portion of the Community Planning Program.

5. **Next SCG Meeting October 20th: Vancouver Recovery Club**

- November 10: venue needed
- December 8: FINAL MEETING, venue needed

6. **Closing Remarks:**

Members and friends were thanked for their participation at the meeting. Meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

All agenda, notes, working plans and a complete list of actions and projects are listed at www.vancouver.ca/mountpleasant under Social Issues