

SURREY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

Present: Connie Hulley Larry Shareski
 Coreen Windbiel Marie Sabine
 Maddie Addison Sandra Cottingham
 Sharon Rose

Regrets: Cheryl –Anne Hendy
 Jane Moon

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, Surrey CPD Office Manager
 Debi Calbick, Recorder

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed the members.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted, as circulated.

Approval of the Minutes of March 26, 2009

Motion:

It was moved by Coreen Windbiel, seconded by Larry Shareski, to approve the Community Council minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting.

Newspaper Article Follow-Up

Marie Sabine distributed a draft of the newspaper article she had written on behalf of the Council. Some Council members had not had a chance to pre-read it, and the opportunity to submit suggestions directly to Marie over the next week was extended. Others submitted minor edits, but the Council was very pleased with the article and asked Marie to proceed with getting it published. Marie volunteered to have a picture of her and her daughter included with the article, if needed. Marie will submit the article to the communication department and follow-up to get the article into local and perhaps BC-wide papers. The goal is to get the article published by the end of May 2009.

Annual Calendar

As decided during the March meeting, Larry Shareski and Connie Hulley will monitor this item. This will be a standing agenda item and a period of 10 minutes will be allocated to the review of the calendar. Marie Sabine volunteered to assist Connie and Larry each month to input the new data and prepare materials meetings as required. Sandra and Marie will get this set up and ready to begin in time for the May meeting.

Council Work

Action Plan 29 – (Aging Parents) – This is one of the main issues identified through the survey results. The Council will work on this item using the Appreciative Initiative method. It was agreed that the Council will focus on this item for the next few months, leaving the remaining survey-generated action plans for September, 2009 when recruiting of new members is complete, and any initiatives undertaken are not interrupted by summer vacation.

In moving forward through the Appreciative Inquiry process for Action plan 29, the four stages will be as follows:

April's meeting:	Inquire
	Imagine
May's meeting:	Innovate
June's meeting:	Implement

By devoting the major portion of these 3 meetings to the four phases of the AI process, the Council hopes to have a specific, strategic plan of action in place as summer arrives.

While Council will officially break for July and August, tasks related to the implementation may carry on over the summer as needed.

The Council will review progress in September when the renewed Council reconvenes, as it uses a similar process for action plans 35a (Transportation) and 35b (Community Connections).

Work Session:

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION TO THE AI PROCESS AND PURPOSE

(Sandra)

- "What is AI"?
- "What is each person's role?"
- "Moving from monologue to dialogue"
- "Creating space for action"

INQUIRE ACTIVITY, facilitated by Sandra

- "What do we need to know about families in this situation"?
- "Who do we need to help us?"
- "What is working right now for these families?"

IMAGINE ACTIVITY, facilitated by Marie

- "What would it be like if the needs of these families (both the person with the disability and their aging parent) were completely met?"
- "What would it look like if the community were involved?"

Manager's Report

The manager's report was attached to the agenda for review and included 3 items:

- i) Transition of Children's Services back to MCFD
- ii) Waitlist Project
- iii) CLBC Staff Conference

Report of the Recruiting Sub-Committee

There was no formal report given since all members present at the Council meeting were also present at the subcommittee meeting. However, the subcommittee did meet prior to the regular Council meeting and discussed strategies for recruiting and new member applications.

Nomination of member for Advisory Committee to the CLBC Board of Directors

Sharon Rose reported that the terms of reference are still under review by CLBC, and therefore nomination of the Advisory Committee representative is not required yet.

Information Item

Quality Service managers received direction to include Community Councils in the budget allocation. Marie and Sandra attended a presentation of the draft budget allocation for the fiscal year 2009-2010 on April 6, 2009. The Chair and Vice-chair of the Delta-Richmond Council were also there. In the end, it was agreed that this meeting would be a preliminary dialogue with further details and discussion to come to Councils from QS.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 6:30.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45.