



Present: David Reay, Cecilia Hudec, De Whalen, Deneanne Quamme

Staff: Robin Winskell, Lynda Brummitt

Agenda approved

Previous minutes approved

Business arising

- Literacy funding – information will be posted at the end of the month. Brighthouse elementary is expanding and will have an area to be used as a literacy centre. The criteria we would qualify for grant monies are “reaching the hard to reach” and working with immigrants
- Federal land swap program – if the City wants to donate land for a shelter the Federal gov’t will give the City some surplus land. This has been suggested before but it may be a good time to revisit this concept. Sylvia is keeping in touch with BC Housing re: the women’s shelter proposal
- ACTION: David will contact Jim Wright to discuss moving forward with this
- There are now approximately 5 projects that have been promised by the City (and celebrated) that have not materialized

Faith Housing

- The Faith Housing Group will be supporting the extreme weather program at St. Albans
 - They are currently organizing their volunteers and hiring staff.
 - There is still no funding for the shelter
 - There is some issue about the ratio of the number of staff to number of clients. The Richmond Fire Dept. is expecting a ration of 4 clients to 1 staff which is much higher than in other communities
 - The conditions under which they will open have changed which will result in them being open more
 - It may be suitable to bring some of these services to the community meals
- The community meal at St. Albans is looking for donations to put in the Dream Auction
- ACTION: Robin will send out a blitz requesting donations for the Auction

Study Circles

- This group has narrowed their focus and want to open a day-time drop in centre for homeless

RCSAC Affordable Housing Committee

1. We will incorporate the Homeless Action Week plans in next year's grant application
2. There will be a Provincial Stand in the Spring. This was not a major budget item (flyers). Lynda will change the deliverables
3. Newsletter will still be produced with a focus on Housing
4. Raise public awareness
 - a. New Poverty Report Card will incorporate housing issues ie a story about a homeless person
 - b. 2010 Peace project has an Affordable Housing day. Suggest we put our big display unit in Memories Gift shop (if they are interested). Collage of headlines
 - c. A Housing Forum that would bring the diverse housing groups together to help them focus. We may be able to have Seth Klein as a guest speaker, perhaps in conjunction with the University Women's Club. March/April
5. Advocacy – as planned
 - a. Need to make presentations at the City
6. Leadership
 - a. Would be good to have a resource guide to distribute to people who are looking for housing

Next meeting January 20th Richmond Caring Place Room 320