

**Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 17, 2015
7:00 pm in the Conference Room**

Present: Susanne Dahlin, Maggie Holland, Penny Street, Jim Le Maistre, Betty Murphy

Staff: Peter Odynsky, Cynthia Low, Victoria Haenel

No minutes from the December 2014 were presented. These need to be tracked down and presented at the next meeting (Cynthia)

1) Review of February Meeting:

PDC to contact Hastings CC Association for a site visit. 17.5hrs per week approved for PDC program coordinator – Victoria will continue to be the staff person assisting the committee (first tasks are to review the website, social media and update the Work Plan).

2) Meeting with City:

In attendance: Penny, Jane, Jim, John, Danica. Point person: Agatha Malczyk. Agatha has started a list of who should be included in the consultation process. Susanne will follow-up with a meeting. Danica provided Susanne with a draft organizational chart of who in the city needs to be the point person/dept.

3) Site Visits:

Site visits were very informative – see attachment for full details per site. Valuable outing, bit of a long day, Roberto was fantastic!

Next sites to visit: Hillcrest, Poirier, Maple Ridge (The Act). Also consider an evening visit for better availability of senior staff.

4) Library Sub-Committee Update:

Sandra Singh (chief librarian) recognizes the importance to VPL on-site. Sub-Committee emphasized importance to community of full-service library on site. Considerations: a kiosk library or “alternate library services”, possible VPL presence at Broadway & Commercial.

5) Programming Guidelines:

Program guidelines need to be established – Peter to discuss with programmers at next meeting & develop (list of current space, list of current programs, desired space, wish-list programs). He will put a draft together with a cohort of programming staff and then a public workshop event can be hosted. This can also be done by/with the Program Committee but currently most members are too new to the committee.

Cynthia – guidelines need to address social needs as well as recreational & financial needs. High level principles – Multi-Use, Multi-Generational, Multi-Purpose and sustainable. Must serve the people who live in our community.

6) Proposed Public Series:

To involve the community “Community Conversations”

- Library Visioning (sub-committee to research) “Future of Library Services”
- Energy Exchange (Morna? Jim?)
- Future of Recreation (Peter, BCRPA guest speaker) “Where is Recreation Going?”

NOTES – Planning & Development

Hold a public series of events, 6-8 weeks apart, guest speakers, panels. Possibly an event during the Rink's Open House in late April/early May.

7) Work Plan:

Cynthia, Victoria and the PD sub-committee to draft. Susanne to meet with Agatha, discuss who is being consulted. Put a plan in place that the City will fund (\$350,000 has been allocated)

8) New Business

Change of meeting date requested by Vicki – from Tuesdays to an alternate. Thursdays are a possibility (4th Thursday of the month). Penny to follow-up with Vicki to ensure she can attend a meeting on Thursday April 23rd. Victoria to check boardroom availability and email missing committee members for consensus.

Next Meeting: April 23rd at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.