

## **Special Public Information Meeting with Council**

Date: Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Linda Barnes  
Councillor Derek Dang  
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt  
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt  
Councillor Rob Howard  
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Brodie commented briefly on the purpose of the meeting, which was to obtain input from members of the public on the proposed plan for the renewal of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Delivery system. He asked that presentations focus on the following four questions,

- (1) What are your general views on the renewal plan?
- (2) How can volunteers be involved?
- (3) What role can community organizations play in the delivery of recreation services?
- (4) How should services be coordinated and delivered?

The Mayor referred to the recent establishment of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Renewal Community Working Group, and advised that the first meeting of the Working Group would be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

Dr. Jeff Coleman, Vancouver Coastal Health, spoke on Richmond Health Services and “Promoting Wellness Through Partnerships”. Schedule 1.

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Donna Laviolette, representing the Richmond Fitness Association, spoke in support of the proposed model. Schedule 2. Bonnie Beaman, also representing the Richmond Fitness Association, spoke about the need for change in how recreational services were delivered in the City. She voiced support for the proposed model. Schedule 3.

Mr. Jacob Braun, representing the Richmond Seniors' Society, reported on the activities and events which took place at the Minoru Place Seniors Centre, and the importance of the volunteers who helped to organize and operate these activities and events. He asked that representatives of the Society be included in the Task Force. Schedule 4.

Kathleen Salbuvik, representing the Richmond Art Gallery, spoke about the creation of the Art Gallery and its partnership with the City. Schedule 5.

Lori Bartley, Program Coordinator for the Richmond Nature Park, and Brenda Bartley-Smith, spoke about the Nature Park, the programs offered at the Park, and the importance of the volunteers in assisting with the operation of the programs. Schedule 6.

Bob Mukai, President, Richmond Arenas Community Association, expressed appreciation for the formation of the Working Group; and about the need to develop a renewal plan which would work at each facility, organization, society or association. Schedule 7.

Leslie Wood Bernbaum, representing the Richmond Public Library, provided information on the Library's approach to community involvement in determining the direction of the library, the role of the volunteers in the Library; and collaboration of partnerships with other community agencies, including the City. Schedule 8.

Thomas Yu, representing the Richmond Chinese Community Society, spoke in support of the proposed renewal plan. Schedule 9.

Henry Beh, representing the Richmond Chinese Community Society, thanked Council for the invitation to participate in the Working Group. He spoke about the programs and events offered by the Society. Schedule 10.

Janna Taylor, #4 – 23260 Dyke Road, spoke in support of the renewal plan, and urged Council to support the proposed model. She spoke about the need for women, and particularly those with low incomes, to have access to recreational services.

Julie Halfnights and Greg Robertson, representing the City's Community Associations, spoke about the need to redesign the recreation service delivery model to meet the changing needs of the community and at the same time, be sufficiently flexible to accept changes in the future, with minimal upset and negative impact. Schedule 11.

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Ross McKenzie, #319 – 3081 Colonial Drive, spoke in support of Dr. Coleman's plan to develop a cooperative approach to health, and to the City in wanting to develop programs for 'consumers' (persons with mental illness). He spoke about the need for affordable and accessible recreation programs for consumers, and asked that affordable accessibility be implemented for existing programs for such users. Schedule 12.

Barbara Williams, President of the Community Arts Council of Richmond (CACR), provided information on the activities of the CACR and upcoming events, and asked for the City's support in maintaining the CACR in the future. Schedule 13.

## Correspondence received:

John C. Crawford	3171 Douglas Crescent (Schedule 14).
Marian Read	#59 – 4151 Regent Street (Schedule 15).
Kim Worrall	#58 – 11631 Seventh Avenue (Schedule 16).
Ib Palmvig	420 Lancaster Crescent (Schedule 17).
Rodger & Bridgitte Moore	(Schedule 18).
John E. Rogers	4320 Craigflower Drive (Schedule 19).
Shelley & Philip Brusse	2291 Stirling Avenue (Schedule 20).
Danuta Engelhardt	2051 Boeing Avenue (Schedule 21).
Karen Neufeld	3120 Douglas Crescent (Schedule 22).
Brad Worrall	#58-11361 Seventh Avenue (Schedule 23).
John Karlsson	(Schedule 24).
John C. Crawford	3171 Douglas Crescent (Schedule 25).
Cindy Roberts	8391 Browndale Road (includes petition and letters of support for 'Lil Chipmunks Preschool' at the Minoru Sports Pavilion (Schedule 26).

Mayor Brodie, on behalf of Council, thanked the speakers for their presentations this evening, and reminded those present that the first meeting of the Working Group was planned for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (8:46 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**