



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Held Thursday November 20, 2003, 5:30 p.m.
Room T.8.150
Richmond City Hall

In Attendance:

Working Group

Danielle Aldcorn
Olive Bassett
Shawkat Hasan
Jim Lamond
Michael McCoy

Vince Miele
Greg Robertson
Linda Shirley
Jim Tanaka
Kuo Wong

Facilitator

David Roach

Recorder

Mary Lou Phillips

Staff

Kate Sparrow
Dave Semple
Greg Buss

Simon Johnston
Cathy Volkering Carlile

Absent:

Joann Wong Bittle
Nicky Byres
Julie Halfnights
Bill McNulty

Sharon Meredith
Bob Ransford
Harold Steves

1. Opening Remarks

David Roach welcomed the CWG.

2. Record of Meeting No. 6

The Record of Meeting dated October 16, 2003 was approved.

3. Delegation

3.1. Richmond Health Service (handout included in agenda package)

Dr. James Lu, Chief Medical Health Officer for Richmond, delivered a PowerPoint presentation of the Richmond Health Services' future vision. This included environmental, mental, and medical health. He stated he felt it was important for Health to be partners with the City and develop a shared vision and is impressed with the degree of interaction that exists between the City and Richmond Health Services. He spoke briefly about the realignment of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

At the conclusion of his presentation, the following points were discussed by members of the CWG and Dr. Lu.

- There was concern that health service delivery is focussed on Vancouver.
- B.C.'s Health System requires the presence of neglect, abuse or abandonment before they can intervene with the family. Dr. Lu stated that more than just the physical health should be part of Health Services when working with families.
- Q: Dr. Lu was asked if there is any kind of plan to control allocation of resources or give smaller groups smaller resources. A: His response was that Vancouver Coastal Health is structured in three geographic regions – Richmond, Vancouver and North Vancouver. There is a desire to look at the overall health authority as opposed to one community.
- Q: For many people with disabilities there is no funding to maintain independent living under community care network. Will you make sure Richmond gets it fair share to enable this? A: I think in principle the senior management in Richmond Health Services will work towards that.
- Q: Are there more Wellness Centres envisioned and what kind of structure does that take? A: The concept is still fluid but it could be a network. The concept we're working on is having care facilities distributed throughout the community in library settings, community centres, etc.
- Q: Where does most of your funding come from? A: The Provincial Government with performance agreement and in turn Vancouver Coastal Health allocates the budget to the different health service areas of which Richmond is one.
- Q: With the marketplace changing, the aging community and also changing ethnicity, what health needs are different and how do you change your programs and services in response to this? A: You will need to plan for the fact that different cultures have different ways of looking after their families and older population. The model we have now is the North American model and we need to be more responsive as the demographics change.

4. Understanding the Current Reality

4.1. City of Richmond Presentation

Lani Schultz, Director, Corporate and Intergovernmental Relations, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the City's corporate perspective.

There was some discussion about customer feedback and surveys/diversity of measurements.

The City looks internally at determining what the priorities are, based on Council term goals. All the departments work in partnership to determine how to accomplish these goals.

4.2 Overview of Services / Issues (presentation included in agenda package)

Dave Semple, Director, Parks delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the current Parks programs and services and the Council-adopted long-term financial management strategy polices. Kate Sparrow, Director, Recreation and Cultural Services presentation was on Recreation & Cultural Services.

It was agreed that at next month's meeting at least two hours would be devoted to discussion on the current reality.

At this point the question arose as to whether it would be more productive if the CWG received the hard copy of presentations beforehand in order to have sufficient time to read the material before it is presented. It was agreed that the City would make every effort to forward presentations beforehand.

5. Other Business

5.1 Letter from Julie Halfnights

Olive Bassett read a letter from Julie Halfnights regarding the format and expectations of the CWG meetings. There was a proposal in her letter for 3 weeks' notice of any special events. It was agreed that three weeks' notice is reasonable.

There was further discussion regarding the content of the letter and a general agreement that the community presentations from the previous night were well done. The consistency and delivery of messages was the same from group to group.

5.2 Agenda

The CWG would like an allocation of time to appear on each agenda item.

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

David Roach, Chairman