



RENTAL, SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE
Virtual Meeting – Thursday, February 4, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 pm – MS TEAMS
MINUTES

Members: Kelly Bond (Chair)
Keith Collyer (at 7:15pm)
Bruce Crowe (By Phone)
Phil Dupasquier
Katherine Fagerlund
Heather Fowler
Derek Holloway (Vice Chair)
Ellison Mallin
Michael Sadler

Regrets: Ian Cullis
Hesam Deihimi

Staff: Josh Cairns, Community Planner
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and provided a land acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Item #4(a) Housekeeping Items was added to the agenda.

Mr. Crowe moved and Mr. Dupasquier seconded:
To adopt the amended agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the January 21, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Dupasquier moved and Ms. Fagerlund seconded:
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. DNV Update

The following updates were provided by Mr. Cairns:

- A series of four Council workshops were scheduled on the targeted OCP review on February 1, February 9, February 16 and the final on February 23. The first two workshops were focused on reviewing the housing and climate emergency white papers, along with the COVID and social equity supplement papers, while the remaining two workshops are focused on action planning and working with Council for feedback on a list of potential actions, which will include housing action items. The draft action plan is targeted for release in the summer after public engagement in the spring.

- Work is underway with respect to updates to the Residential Tenant Relocation Assistance Policy with a Council date to be determined.
- Staff have the homelessness committee action grant from SPARC for \$25,000 and the homelessness task force are in the process of interviewing consultants to advance homelessness projects on the North Shore.
- Staff are also preparing to obtain Council approval to submit an application for a \$75,000 grant through the UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program. The grant would allow the District of North Vancouver to work in partnership with the City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver on a regional Poverty Reduction Plan for the North Shore.
- The District is working in partnership with BC Housing and RainCity Housing on the 60 unit building at 1577 Lloyd Avenue to support single women and women-led families.
- In terms of the homelessness projects, it was suggested to invite Eirikka Brandson to present to the Task Force at a future date.

4(a) Housekeeping Items

Members were requested to consider whether there were any presenters or groups to be invited to the Task Force.

The chair mentioned that the budget discussions will be brought before Council on February 8th then sending an email to Council with respect to the recommendation of hiring a Housing Coordinator might be useful.

Mr. Dupasquier moved and Mr. Crowe seconded:

That the Task Force draft an email to Mayor and Council encouraging acceptance of our recommendations to fund the position responsible for the housing portfolio in the DNV.

CARRIED

Action: Ms. Bond will draft the email and circulate to the Task Force for review prior to sending to Council on Monday morning.

Members discussed whether it would be beneficial to have the Mayor attend a meeting in the near future.

Mr. Sadler moved and Mr. Holloway seconded:

The Task Force invite the Mayor to a future meeting.

CARRIED

A suggestion was presented that if time allows, to take some time at each meeting to discuss and review articles in the context of the Task Force's work.

5. Task Force Work Plan Going Forward

a) Outstanding Recommendations

The chair reminded members that the outstanding recommendations stem back to the "wish list". In terms of process, it was noted that it may be cumbersome and confusing to have numerous comments on each goal go back and forth between the members, and it may be clearer if all members give their comments to the partnership and then the partnership can consolidate the feedback and bring back to the entire group for discussion. The teamwork methodology used by Mr. Dupasquier and Mr. Mallin for revising the Goal 1 write-up this past week, was discussed and praised as a worthy example.

Confirmation was provided that the technical writer will be engaged to complete the report.

With respect to feedback from members, it was suggested that recommendations should be pointed, achievable and actionable.

In terms of timelines and workplan going forward, Goals 1, 3 and 5 will be addressed at the second half of the February 18 meeting, and Goal 2 and 6 brought to the March 4 meeting.

b) Next Steps at 8:04pm

Members reviewed the next steps listed in the interim report and it was suggested that the next steps not be included in the final report and instead all items that are considered important to be addressed moved to the front and converted into a recommendation. About half the list of approximately 45 next steps were discussed and evaluated during the rest of the meeting.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.