

CITY OF WATERLOO
SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009
City Hall – Thiele Room
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Laurie Strome, Lynda Gale, D'Arcy Farlow (Chair), Glen Polson, Irene O'Toole, Patrick Germann, Eunice Abudu, Kaye Crawford, Councillor Karen Scian

Regrets: Tracy Jasmins, S.Sgt. Mark Bullock, Catherine Fife
Absent:

Note-taker: Henny Bruce

MINUTES

1. Welcome & Review of the Agenda

- Mark Bullock is being transferred to headquarters in January so will no longer be a member of the committee after that time. He will find a replacement for January.

2. Minutes were approved by Irene and seconded by Patrick.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

• November Report to Council

Kaye has been doing some background work for the report: an overview of the past year and anticipated work for the future. Need to nail down the recommendations along with a background on each.

- **Recommendation on Poverty Reduction** - The original committee that led to the creation of SAHCAC was the Waterloo Working Group. This group established a partnership with The Working Centre to address homelessness in the City of Waterloo. Kaye Crawford is currently the city liaison with The Working Centre. The funding support has evolved into regional Street Outreach programs in Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo. This is a permanent service/program supported by a number of community partners but does not have a permanent funding source from the City of Waterloo as one of the partners. In 2009, funding was not recognized by the External Cash Grants and Council supported the program through a one-time funding source. Now we have a Street Outreach and Drop In Centre as well as a Clinic on Laurel Street.

Action: Include a recommendation to Council that the City continue as a partner in the provision of the Street Outreach program by establishing a funding source on an ongoing basis and with a permanent place within the city budget system.

(Note: Community Partnerships – could be future agenda item?)

- **Recommendation on Recreational Access** (Action item for Lynda, Irene and Eunice) – The group decided to focus their recommendations on the staff Recreational Access report that went to Council in September. The recommendation includes a request for

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an impartial evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the access strategy and the financial needs to resource this program.

Action: Need to rework, create a background and create 2 recommendations (parity of financial resources and evaluation) and have back to Kaye by Monday, Oct. 19th.

- **Recommendation on Community Gardens** - D'Arcy shared the recommendations contained within a letter to the City of Waterloo and written by the Community Garden Council. The City of Waterloo is being asked to support community gardens in accordance with the newly passed Regional Official Plan's recognition of urban agriculture and community gardens. There are several sets of recommendations for the City of Waterloo: some are quite specific; others are more wide sweeping.

Action: D'Arcy to follow-up with Candace to craft recommendations that are specific and do-able for the City of Waterloo.

- **Community Schools** – In Catherine's absence, her recommendation on school-based support for neighbourhood and after-school programming was discussed. Charles Pascal's report entitled *With Our Best Future In Mind*, recommends full day schooling, day care, early education and after school programs. Schools are to become a hub of the community. Is this a Regional responsibility or provincially funded?

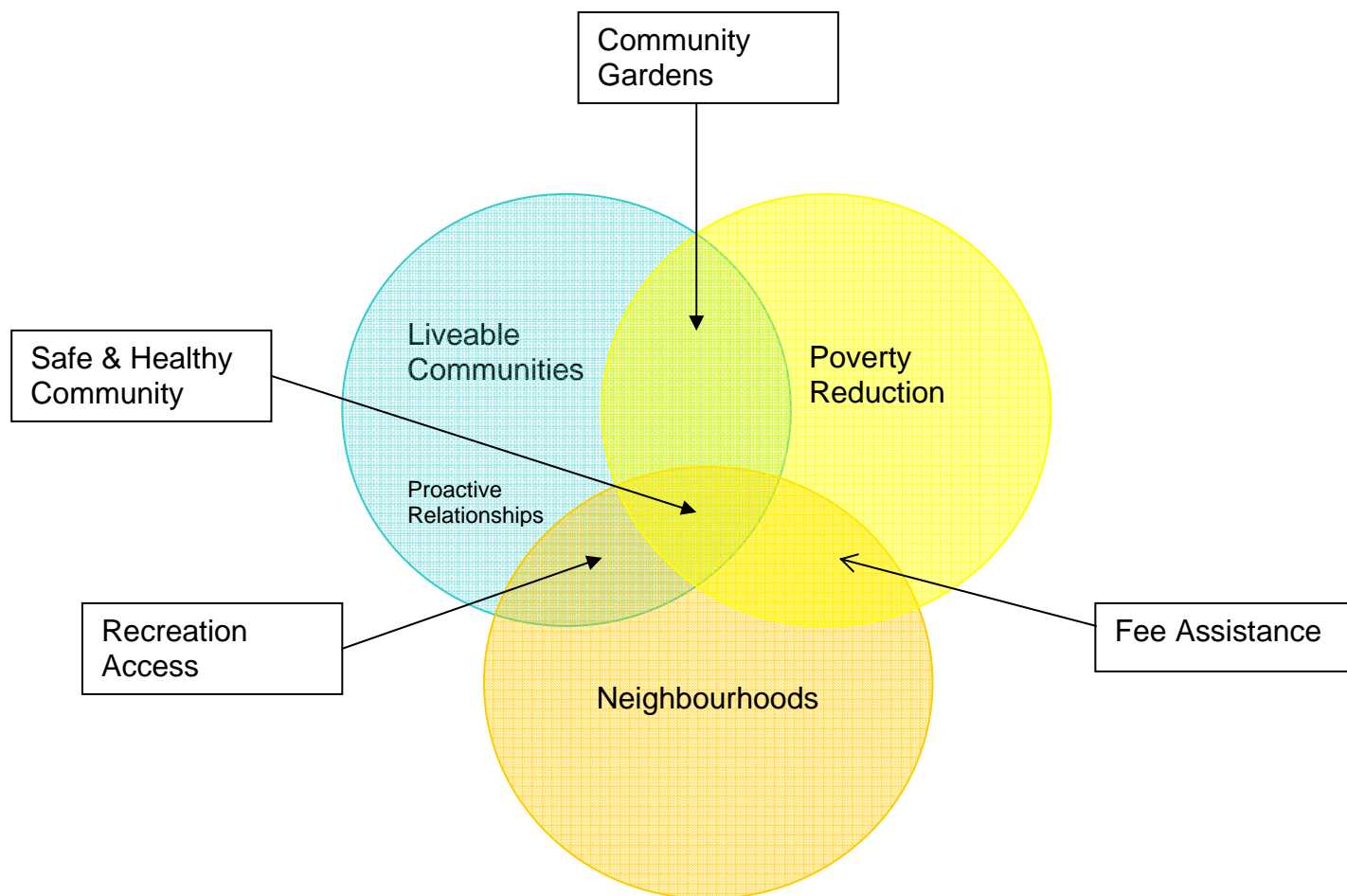
Action: Go back to the recommendation from August minutes. Karen, D'Arcy and Kay to explore further.

Action: Nov. 9th Committee Report to Council – D'Arcy will speak to our report and will have 1 visual (see diagram on next page)

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- Discussion on how the three areas of focus – poverty reduction, neighbourhood capacity building and livable communities work together. The group discussed the merits of using the **Healthy Community's Model** to portray the recommendations.



4. New Business

City of Waterloo Transportation Master Plan

Glen attended the workshop along with Kaye. They discussed immediate needs as well as long term maintenance and viability. There is no need to provide any input as the plan seems very comprehensive at this point. As a note of interest, the University students feel that Waterloo is a very bikeable city.

Code of Conduct Policy

This is for members of Council as well as members of Committees of Council. Clerks Division are asking to have comments back by Oct. 30th for the Nov. 16th Council.

Action: Laurie will review and provide comments back.

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5. SAHCAC check-in

Membership – have had 2 resignations recently, need to fill these as well as the original gaps as per the Terms of Reference – committee makeup.

6. Other

- Irene brought forward a request that this committee participate as a Focus Group on needs that we need to be addressed by the Crime Prevention Council. Committee was agreeable to this request and will be on the Nov. 10th agenda. Heads up on a working strategy by the Region/Police/Municipalities on best practices on what creates a Safe and Healthy Community through the Crime Prevention Council. **Action: Irene will circulate if she receives anything further on this.**
- **Official Plan** - Kaye, Patrick and Irene will meet mid to late November to discuss.
- Patrick asked about School Board rental information – **Henny to scan what Catherine gave her and email.**
- Last Wednesday of each month on Channel 20 at 9 p.m. there is a program on Safe Communities.

Next Meeting dates & locations

Meeting days and times, **2nd Tuesday of each month from 6 – 8 p.m.**

Next meetings are Nov. 10 and Dec. 8/09 in the Thiele Room at City Hall, 2nd Floor

Adjourn – 8:07 p.m.

Action Items

Item	What	Who	When
Future Meeting Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Focus Group · Y/Library · Community Partnerships 	Irene	Nov. 10th
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