

CITY OF WATERLOO
SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING
Tuesday, Sept 16, 2009
WPL – Lower Board Room
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Laurie Strome, Lynda Gale, D'Arcy Farlow (Chair), Catherine Fife, Glen Polson, Irene O'Toole, Patrick Germann, Eunice Abudu

Regrets: Kaye Crawford, Tracy Jasmins, Councillor Karen Scian, S.Sgt. Mark Bullock,
Absent:

Note-taker: Henny Bruce

MINUTES

Welcome & Review of the Agenda

- Jim Bowman, Interim Director, Community Services, City of Waterloo attended to do a meet and greet with the committee. D'Arcy informed Jim that this committee is looking at poverty, livable communities and neighbourhood capacity building.
- June and August minutes were approved as circulated.
- Sadia has resigned from the committee due to schooling demands

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Poverty Reduction – Lori Ludwig's report to Council on recreational access and SAHCAC's response (**D'Arcy & Laurie**)
 - Affordable recreation programs for youth
 - Recommending a cap to fee assistance of \$300.00 to use on city programs and/or minor sport programs
 - What is our strategy on poverty reduction?
 - 3 year strategy
 - Should we include as part of our report in Nov?

Action: Irene, Lynda and Eunice will create the piece for the Nov. report. Will include: applaud what Lori is doing, evaluation to be completed at the end of one year (access eligibility, parity across Region) and should we push it further by questioning the funding? The benefits are positive and we support this report. Changes need to be communicated.

- Current status on using school board property for community after school and recreational programming (i.e. the "school hub" concept) (**Catherine Fife**)
 - Full day kindergarten promised in 2007, name has been changed to full day learning
 - Include programs for younger children
 - Include after hour programs
 - Will be phased in

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- In the EDI report the average scoring was - 18.5% of children in this area are not ready to learn. Range was 0% to 38%
- Partnerships with municipalities and schoolboards to accommodate the program. Talks to be scheduled with municipalities.
- There is one funding envelope, how will this be used?
- This is a proactive approach with cities and schoolboards
- Can there be a tie into neighbourhood capacity?
- Resources need to go where they are needed!
- Schoolboards are pressured to “graduate” students to be able to offer these programs
- Youth programming needs to be included
- School rentals to groups – schools are open to 11 p.m., so there should not be problems booking however there is a new Ministry of Education price list

Action: put on next month’s agenda to discuss further.

Action: Catherine will do a paragraph to be included in the Nov 9th report to include cities to work with schoolboards to ensure needs in Waterloo schools and neighbourhoods are met – EDI scores

Action: Henny to check if formal recommendations can be included in the report

- Community Garden update (**D’Arcy**)
 - There is no budget or city support.
 - Gardens can be on public land through the Partners in Parks program
 - Will consider a statement in the Official Plan
 - D’Arcy talked to a letter from Candice (attached)
 - Should we adopt this letter and put it in the Nov. 9th report? Yes

Action: D’Arcy will do a section on this program to include in Nov. 9th report

New Business

- Quick report back on “Planning for People & Places”
(slides will be posted on the WalkON website: <http://www.walkon.ca/what-walkable-community>)
 - D’Arcy and Eunice attended
 - Spoke to bikes and pedestrians taking back from vehicles
 - Traffic is a social problem
 - Plan communities around “happiness” and be children friendly
- Glen passed around some photos of a public square in Seattle

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SAHCAC check-in

Reflections on the last year – Did not discuss

Increasing our membership – Clerks will be advertising for additional members – Irene will have to apply. Eunice and Laurie have forwarded the application to a couple of people. Applications go to the Clerks office and any questions about the committee go to Kaye Crawford.

Delegation of our three strategic areas – Did not discuss

Report to Council in mid November – **members need to work on their pieces and get to D'Arcy. Report would need to be complete and to Henny by Nov. 2nd the very latest.**

New Chair and co-chairs? – Will wait until after the new committee members are appointed

Next Meeting dates & locations

- Meeting days and times were discussed and changes were made to meeting day and time.
2nd Tuesday of each month and be from 6 – 8 p.m. has been chosen
Next meetings are Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8/09 in the Thiele Room at City Hall, 2nd Floor from 6 to 8 p.m.

Adjourn – 8:32 p.m.