

TRI-CITIES SENIORS PLANNING NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm Poirier Library, Boardroom 575 Poirier Street, Coquitlam

Attendees:

Linda Asgeirsson
Stacy Ashton
Bruce Bird
Gina Hortelano
Judy Jackson
Carol Lange
Pat McBlane
Connie Meisner
Jim Millar
Roland Mitchell
Irene Turnbull
Karen Tyrell, Meeting Chair

Regrets:

Ryan Drew
Mary Ong

Introductions

Welcome to new members and guests.

- Linda Asgeirsson has joined the committee as the representative from Selina Robinson's office
- Carol Lange is joining the committee from Nurse Next Door

Agenda

- Accepted with no changes
- Roland moved to accept, Pat McB. Seconded
- Carried

Minutes of Previous Meeting (February 16, 2016)

- Clarification under Business Arising, Presentations to City Council
 - Port Coquitlam has a seniors advisory council at Wilson Centre
 - Like, Dogwood & Glen Pine, they do not have direct access or representation from City Council
 - Glen Pine & Dogwood were mandated committees by senior staff
 - Wilson was independent
- The Presentation to Council will be put back on the table once we have gathered all of the data from the upcoming Housing Forum.
- Correction of the date for Next Meeting – should have been March 15th
- Stacy moved to accept minutes with changes as noted by Roland
- Roland seconded
- Carried

Business Arising from Previous Meetings

Housing Forum – Updates

- Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 16th
- Coloured poster is available
 - Judy to send out to network
 - Linda A. advised that the MLA's office would be happy to provide coloured copies at their office on Austin Avenue
 - If anyone would like to stop in for some, please feel free – Linda will run off whatever your need
 - A thank you to Rose Kapp from Rose Kapp Art & Design Illustration for donating her time and creative abilities for the Housing Forum Poster
- 27+ registrants signed up so far
- Still receiving surveys and organizing the data
- Winslow Centre is confirmed as the venue
 - 21 vendors spaces available at \$125 each
 - 6 not for profit tables available
- Seniors Professional Services are sponsoring the event
 - They are provided all food and beverage need
- Bus transportation is being offered by Parkwood Manor (pick up Coquitlam), Amica (pick up Wilson Centre) and possibly Belvedere for the Maillardville area.
- Others can probably provide as well, need to be approached
- Email blast to go out to survey recipients to advise of rides available
- Suggested we ask local papers to promote
- Speakers include:
 - Fraser Health – 'Aging My Way'
 - Isobel Mackenzie – Housing Subsidies and Support
 - Tim Hicks the Chair from CARP will Emcee the event
- Talking with Mary Ellen at United Way regarding research and consultation around the information we collect from the Forum
- Karen asked if Zoomer Wireless (a CARP partner) was an appropriate vendor; majority felt not, with exception of brochures at CARP's booth
- Vendors include:
 - Home2 Stay –will have a table; will demo/discuss minor renos
 - Judy to send contact for Handy Man Connections to Karen (possible vendor/presenter)
 - Mobility Specialist from Wilson Pharmacy
 - Linda suggested that Finn Donnelly,MP and Selina Robinson, MLA could share a vendor table
 - Linda to try to connect with BC Housing
- Stacy to determine number and needs for volunteers prior to next meeting

Short meeting as only agenda item was our focus on the upcoming Housing Forum.

Updates from Members:

Bruce Bird:

- CARP – ZOOMER show this weekend at the Convention Centre downtown
- 120+ exhibitors
- Free to CARP members

Roland Mitchell:

- Successful Health Fair at Wilson Centre a couple of weeks ago

Linda Asgeirsson:

- Selina's annual Easter Egg Hunt is being held on March 26th at Blue Mountain Park from 10 am until noon

Carol Lange:

- Nurse Next Door provides full service home care to seniors
- This includes driving, companion, shopping and nursing

Pat McBlane:

- Welcome back from your adventures in India!

Gina Hortelano:

- Better at Home has been funded for this year and may be funded again for another year; funding not guaranteed
 - Provides friendly visiting (also for deaf & hard of hearing), shopping, housekeeping, transportation, food hamper delivery and minor home repairs

Meeting adjourned at 2:15

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19th from 1 to 3 pm at the City Centre Library, Boardroom,
1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam**

The day before our Forum!!!