



Affordable Housing

March 18th 2010

Present: David Reay, Roz Johns, Sina Smith, De Whalen, Deneanne Quamme

Staff: Lynda Brummitt, Robin Winskell

Discussion re: new timing of meeting – 7pm works fine for everyone and is better (than 4:30) for most

Previous minutes

- Correction - De Whalen attended January meeting

Affordable Housing coordinator

The City Planner has asked us for input. We have suggested that the position requires:

1. Experience in social planning
2. Demonstrated negotiation and conflict resolution skills
3. Active participation in local housing committee to make recommendations for allocations of funds

Suggestion: that we also send the information directly to Council

Housing Forum

Goals – Education and Capacity Building

Format - Discussion

- Similar to Food For All Forum
- Friday night
 - Belinda Boyd could MC
 - public event with a draw
 - Have a panel of speakers who can talk about where they (or their clients) are on the housing continuum, success stories and ongoing struggles
 - Defining affordability – Friday night – why have diversity?
 - Difficulties of immigrants
- Smart Growth has a toolkit on Affordable Housing that which includes several by-laws that help create affordable housing
- Have a speaker from the City

- Dispelling myths – foreign disclosure, multi-family homes
- Surrey Housing Society
 - Rental Bank
- What do Housing Societies do?
 - Build coalitions and partnerships in the community
 - One voice to politicians – consolidation on advocacy
 - Actively pursuing cash donations towards a foundation

Potential speakers

Speaker	To be contacted by
Jonathan Bird	Deneanne
Smart growth	Lynda
SPARC	De
Lisa Westamark – fundraising	Sina thru Belinda
The Business case for affordable housing	Lynda (via Margaret’s contact)
Judy Peterson NAGGS – Rental Bank	De
Rich Coleman	De
City of Richmond – John Foster	De
Aileen McCormick	Roz via Lynda
Surry Housing	Dave

To Do

- Gather stories/story tellers for Fri night event

Venue & Date

- Conference will be in the fall
- October 29 / 30 Ralph Fisher Auditorium @ Richmond Hospital
- **ACTION:** Sina to check with Belinda re Ralph Fisher Auditorium and breakout rooms

Cost of Housing Forum

- There will be costs involved for food so we will need to charge admission
- Is it in our budget? Could we get a business to donate lunch?
- **ACTION:** Robin to research free on line registration
- **ACTION:** Robin to produce a brief flyer for the May 4th Seth Klein event

Next meeting Thursday April 15th 7pm **Richmond City Hall room M1.002 (across from Chambers)**