



COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Held October 7, 2003
Meeting Room M.2.002
Richmond City Hall

Present:

Robert Aldcorn (Chair), Shawn Issel, Brenda Karp, Jim Lavery, Max Tondowsky, Vince Miele

Also Present:

Kari Huhtala – Co-Chair of the Partnership and Sponsorship Committee

Adoption of Minutes

Jim Lavery/Brenda Karp

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Task Force of September 9, 2003 be adopted.

CARRIED

Update on Meeting with Dawn Vallet (Safe Communities Foundation)

Kari distributed a revised copy of the Draft Business Plan (Safe Communities Foundation application), and advised that the target presentation date to the Foundation was April/May, 2004. A steering committee would shortly be formed, comprising representation from WCB, Richmond Health Services, YVR, and the School District, with the Task Force group also potential members. A list of community sponsors would also be created, plus development of a liaison/involvement with other organizations.

It was suggested that the word "Foundation" implied a charitable organization; would "Coalition" be preferable for this non-profit participation status. (Kari left meeting at 5:55pm).

Presentations to Community Groups

The group believed that information generated from the survey handed out at community group presentations had proved valuable, with traffic safety (not restricted to street racing concerns) appearing to be an issue with the community. In response to a concern expressed that only 69 surveys had been completed, and was that reflective of a cross-section of the community, the Chair advised that, although not a large response, it echoed the Ipsos Reid survey, and the benefit gained from information received was apparent.

Following the suggestion that groups specifically having Asian membership be contacted for their input, it was advised that past meeting notes had outlined Task Force members who were assigned to contact various groups, however, not all outlined organizations had been contacted.

Report to Community Safety Committee

Discussion ensued on the potential content of the final report to Community Safety Committee which would summarise work that had been undertaken by the Task Force:

- the Ipsos Reid report

- the survey which had provided data on direction the City should take (road safety issues being a common concern) – reflect trends
- although the Task Force's existence\invitation to meetings, had been advertised, public response had not been forthcoming – explanation was required as to why the community voice had not been fully reflected
- letter sent to Community Safety Committee endorsing the Home Safe Program
- application process to the Safe Communities Foundation – this provided an ongoing role for community input
- information sessions that had taken place with Division leaders had proved beneficial, and showed there was great interest in having community involvement on specific initiatives
- there was potential for the existence of an Advisory Group – a “pool” (eg. a referral had recently been given to staff from Committee to prepare an Event Strategy format. The team was currently gathering data and Task Force input could be beneficial)
- the grow-op workshop had provided a very real opportunity for citizen input regarding policy, and how to deal with property managers\owners, etc. – which again provided an ongoing role for citizen perspective
- it would be beneficial to seek community input when developing policy

Shawn would prepare a report outlining Task Force accomplishments, provide recommendations and would e-mail to the group for discussion at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The meeting ended at 7:00pm with the next meeting scheduled to take place **Wednesday, November 5, 2003, Meeting Room M.1.003, 5:30pm.**