

APPROVED MINUTES
Scarborough Local Health Committee
Monday June 21st, 2010
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room 2

Present: Haweiya Egeh, Heidi Sin, Linda Napier, Saleem Haniff, Vaij Chari (Chair)
Marisa Charles, Jeyasingh David
Toronto Public Health Staff
Jann Houston, Bessie Shaw, Jean Liburd (Minutes)

Regrets: Ed Castro, Dr Abdul Fattah

Guest: Laura Harper (Action for Neighbourhood Change)

1.0 Welcome/Introduction

Introductions were made around the table

2.0 Agenda Approval

The Agenda was reviewed and approved by Heidi Sin and Saleem Haniff

3.0 Guest Speaker – Laura Harper, ANC Agincourt

Laura Harper gave an overview of the ANC's goals and objectives. Enhanced quality of neighbourhood life, Strengthened influence of local residents and increased access to resources were 3 goals highlighted. She mentioned that the ANC aims to establish resident led neighbourhood associations that will produce a vision and develop plans to bring about positive change in their communities. She also mentioned that there were 5 projects in Scarborough. Vaij suggested forming a partnership with ANC and will discuss further in September. Laura will send Vaij information re the All Sites meetings and Bessie will be the contact person. Members were made aware of the Dorset Park upcoming festival and flyers were distributed.

4.0 Approval of May 31st, 2010 Minutes

The Minutes of May 31st, 2010 were approved by Haweiya Egeh and Heidi Sin

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 TPH Strategic Plan 2010-2014

Vaij mentioned the final draft of the Strategic plan is going to the Board. Members were asked to review the plan and note if there were any changes not captured in the plan. Jann provided further information on the changes to the Strategic Plan 5 priority direction. There were no changes made to the plan by SLHC members.

5.2 PHAC selection committee

The dates scheduled for PHAC selection committee meetings are September 23rd, 2010 1:30 – 3:00 and October 1st, 2010 1-4:30 p.m. Marisa has offered to backup if the dates conflict with Abdul Fattah's availability.

Action (s): Vaij to send email to Abdul Fattah to confirm availability.

5.3 Scarborough CAC

Bessie mentioned that the Scarborough Community Advisory council would like to present at the next SLHC meeting in September.

Action (s): Bessie will follow-up and confirm attendance of CAC

5.4 Wind Turbines

Vaij mentioned that the 2 year study on the effects of Wind Turbines at Scarborough Bluffs has started. SLHC will monitor the study outcomes and community's reactions.

5.5 SLHC Brochure

Bessie mentioned that the Brochures can be done in plain language externally for free and will be ready in September. It was decided that members will wait for the TPH Banner to be finalized before making plans to set up displays to promote the Committee.

Action (s): Bessie to send out the Brochures to be done in plain language

5.6 Working Group

The continuation of the Working Group was discussed and it was agreed that SLHC members will meet over the summer to plan and discuss group activities.

Action (s): Vaij will send an email with dates to members

Action (s): Jean to book meeting room when date is finalized

5.7 Food Strategy

The six priority areas in the food strategy report were discussed. Vaij mentioned that a meeting of the four LHCs' Chairs will take place next week and she will bring back information to SLHC at the August meeting.

6.0 Board of Health

Jann gave an overview of the reports going before the Board of Health. Members were asked to check the website for reports of interest.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Mental Health Round table

Bessie mentioned that Etobicoke Local Health Committee is interested in Mental Health as it relates to youth and asked if SLHC Members were interested in joining the round table discussions. Discussion followed. Bessie will provide further information as it arises.

8.0 General Information sharing

8.1 Scarborough Beaches – E.Coli

Bessie mentioned that the beaches are tested daily for water quality. Toronto Public Health closes the beaches when there is a high count of E.Coli bacteria in the water making it unsafe for swimming. Members were asked to check the website Toronto.ca/beaches for further information.

9.0 Next Meeting

September 7th, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.