



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 16, 2012

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee was held on Friday, November 16, 2012, at 9:40 am, in the Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Chris Morrissey, Chair
Thomas Brunker
Sharon Fenton
Dellie Lidyard
Colleen McGuinness
Rowena Tate
Eva Wadolna

ABSENT: Eddy Elmer (Leave of Absence)
Colin Lazzerini
Henry Lee (Leave of Absence)
Carol Oreck (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Neal Carley, Engineering Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Tom Brunker
SECONDED by Rowena Tate

THAT leaves of absence be approved for Eddy Elmer, Henry Lee and Carol Oreck for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Rowena
SECONDED by Dellie

THAT the minutes of the September 21, 2012, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Following the adoption of the minutes, the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to hear a presentation from the West End Seniors' Network (WESN) prior to any other business. The Committee also agreed to add the Transportation Subcommittee and the Seniors Forum under subcommittee reports. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order with the WESN presentation recorded under "New Business".

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The Committee also had before it a memo from the Chair which contained motions regarding pedestrian safety, one of which clarified and enhanced a previous motion.

Following discussion it was

MOVED by Rowena Tate
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee request that the Council Liaison bring to Council and the Park Board Liaison bring to Park Board the Committee's concern for the safety of pedestrians, especially vulnerable seniors and persons with disabilities, at the interface between pedestrians and other sidewalk users (e.g., cyclists, skate boarders, etc.) on both sidewalks and seawalls, with a view to having City staff take immediate action to address the issue in the short term while investigating and proposing longer term viable solutions for implementation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Election of Chair and Co-Chair

Following due process Chris Morrissey was elected Chair, and Colleen McGuinness was elected Vice-Chair until December 7, 2014.

2. 2013 Meeting Dates

MOVED by Tom Brunker
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee hold its first regular meeting in 2013 on Friday, February 22 at 9:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair noted the first working session would be held on January 18, 2013, and a discussion regarding all other meetings will take place at that time.

3. Unfinished Business

a. The Mayor's Engaged City Task Force

In discussion, concerns were raised regarding the accessibility of the task force for seniors due to the focus on technology and people aged 26 to 34.

MOVED by Colleen McGuinness

SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

WHEREAS

1. It is important that the COV engage the opinions of all citizens;
2. The specific focus on age group and technology in the terms of reference for the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force excludes a large portion of the population and is a violation of the British Columbia Human Rights Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee objects to the age specific restrictions contained in the terms of reference for the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee agreed to send representatives to the City's Digital Strategy focused conversations on November 28 and 29, 2012.

b. BC 2013 Age-Friendly Grant

The Chair provided an update on the BC 2013 Age-Friendly Grant, noting the deadline has passed and that the application has to go through Council to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). In response, the Committee established a task force to be chaired by Sharon Fenton to complete the groundwork and application in time for 2014.

4. Committee Liaisons Update

a. Council Liaison update: No report.

b. Park Board Update: No report.

5. Subcommittee Updates

a. Communications and Outreach

A discussion regarding planning for the December 7, 2012, meeting at Kerrisdale Recreation Centre took place.

b. *Housing Subcommittee*

Colleen McGuinness noted the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and Seniors' Advisory Committee Joint Housing Subcommittee will be meeting on November 21, 2012.

c. *Transportation*

Rowena Tate provided an update on the Transportation Subcommittee. A brief discussion about pedestrian safety and talking to Community Policing about enforcement of traffic and pedestrian crossing rules took place.

d. *Seniors Dialogues -*

Eva Wadolna provided an update on the Seniors Dialogues that took place, noting there was excellent attendance and staff were able to get lots of input. In discussion it was noted the deadline might be extended and that there need to be more sessions for the west side of Vancouver as no sessions were scheduled west of City Hall.

6. **New Business**

a. **West End Seniors' Network**

Eric Kowalski, Executive Director, West End Seniors' Network (WESN), provided an overview of the organization and information from their report on housing issues for seniors.

The Committee invited the WESN to participate in the Housing Subcommittee, congratulated them on their report, and agreed to include some of the WESN information in their own report.

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At this point in the meeting, the Committee agreed to deal with item 3b and part of the discussion around the December 7, 2012, meeting. For ease of reference the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Adjournment

MOVED by Chris Morrissey
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session:

DATE: December 7, 2012
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Kerrisdale Community Centre

The Committee adjourned at 12:12 pm

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