



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 8, 2016

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, July 8, 2016, at 9:35 am, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Colleen McGuinness, Chair
Eva Beda
Thomas Crean
Eddy Elmer
Beatrice Ho
Anthony Kupferschmidt
Gudrun Langolf
Dellie Lidyard
Dale Lutes
Jim McCully
Brian Tucker
Eva Wadolna
Jacqueline Weiler
Bob Worcester

ABSENT: Scott Ricker, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Brown, Acting Director - Streets (Acting Staff Liaison)
Christopher Kevlahan, Coordinator , Accessible Services, Vancouver Public Library (VPL Liaison)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Brian Tucker
SECONDED by Beatrice Ho

THAT Scott Ricker be granted a leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Brian Tucker
SECONDED by Dale Lutes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee agreed to deal with Committee Liaison Updates before Item 1.

For ease of reference the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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1. Proposed Separated Bike Lanes - West 10th Avenue

At the Regular Meeting on May 20, 2016, Engineering Services staff provided a presentation regarding proposed separated bike lanes on West 10th Avenue, and the Committee approved a motion on the matter. It was agreed to have staff return to a subsequent meeting to further explore design options in the area.

Dylan Passmore, Engineer, Active Transportation, and Christine Edward, Planning Analyst, Transportation Planning Branch, provided an update on the proposed separated bike lanes along West 10th Avenue, and responded to questions. Committee members expressed concerns about the loss of street parking that would result if bike lanes were installed, and the general lack of adequate parking and drop-off/pick-up space in the VGH Precinct. During discussion suggestions were offered and additional concerns were expressed that the proposed bike lanes conflict with the goals of the Age-Friendly Action Plan.

The Chair agreed to follow up with the Committee's Council Liaisons on the Committee's concerns regarding the conflict between the goals of the Age-Friendly Action Plan and the Transportation 2040 Plan.

2. Committee Liaison Updates

(a) Council Liaison

No report.

(b) School Board Liaison

No report.

(c) Park Board Liaison

No report.

(d) Vancouver Public Library Liaison

Christopher Kevlahan, Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided an overview of projects and services related to accessibility, including the new musical instrument library, expanded home delivery service during the pending postal strike, and Inspiration Lab. Discussion. Questions and discussion ensued on a number of additional accessibility and public library matters.

Mr. Kevlahan agreed to look into the VPL plans for National Seniors' Day on October 1, 2016.

(e) Staff Liaison

Committee members thanked staff for completing crosswalks on Arbutus and also at Brockhouse. The Chair spoke favorably about the lights being tested at West Boulevard and West 42nd Avenue, noting they significantly improve pedestrian safety.

3. Subcommittee and Working Group Updates

(a) Communication

Eddy Elmer advised that the updated Seniors' Advisory Committee brochure is complete and copies are now available for Committee use.

(b) Community Engagement

Beatrice Ho and Jackie Weiler reported on events recently attended including the West End Seniors' Network Strawberry Festival. Discussion ensued regarding the Committee's participation in BC Seniors' Week and International Day of Older Persons.

(c) Housing

Chris Morrissey advised the Subcommittee's meeting date was changed to next week and that a report will be provided at the next regular meeting.

Colleen McGuinness advised she has requested Patrick Ryan, Chief Building Official, to present at a future meeting regarding changes to building code.

(d) Social Isolation and Loneliness

Brian Tucker provided an update regarding the "World Café" event being organized around October 1, 2016. Discussion ensued regarding various planning details, including options to generate City support and resources. The Chair noted she will follow up with the City Manager on the matter of resources.

(e) Transportation and Mobility

Dellie Lidyard and the Chair reported on several topics including the proposed West 10th Avenue bike lanes and South False Creek seawall modifications.

Eddy Elmer advised he had received a suggestion that there be more street furniture installed on Hastings Street. Discussion on the matter ensued.

i. Designating Loading and Unloading Zones at SkyTrain Stations

Committee members expressed concerns regarding the lack of action on the part of the City on the motion the Committee passed in September 2015, entitled "Designating Loading and Unloading Zones at SkyTrain Stations". Following discussion it was,

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard
SECONDED by Thomas Crean

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee forward the motion approved at the regular meeting on September 18, 2015, entitled "Designating Loading and Unloading Zones at SkyTrain Stations", (copied below), to Councillor Liaisons Ball and Stevenson, for follow up;

FURTHER THAT a progress report on the matter be requested from Engineering Services staff.

Designating Loading and Unloading Zones at SkyTrain Stations - Motion approved at the Seniors' Advisory Committee meeting on September 18, 2015:

WHEREAS

1. *Many seniors quit driving each year;*
2. *The number of seniors using SkyTrain is rising exponentially;*

3. *SkyTrain is considered a safer, more convenient, and more efficient mode of transportation;*
4. *Many seniors are picked up and dropped off at SkyTrain stations at all times of the day by family members and friends;*
5. *Picking up and dropping off passengers in non-designated areas can disrupt traffic flow and pose a hazard around stations;*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee requests City Council to direct City of Vancouver staff to work with TransLink to assign designated loading and unloading zones that will allow people sufficient time to safely and conveniently embark and disembark at SkyTrain stations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. New Business

(a) Advisory Committee Training

Eva Wadolna reported on the Advisory Committee training session that she and several other Committee members attended on July 6, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Eva Beda

SECONDED by Anthony Kupferschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, September 23, 2016
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 11:31 am.

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