



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 15, 2013

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee was held on Friday, November 15, 2013, at 9:30 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Chris Morrissey, Chair
Eddy Elmer
Sharon Fenton
Clemencia Gomez
Scott Graham*
Dellie Lidyard
Colleen McGuinness, Vice-Chair
Carol Oreck*
Rowena Tate*
Eva Wadolna

ABSENT: Tom Brunker (Sick Leave)
Colin Lazzerini

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tony Tang, Vancouver City Council
Alina Cheng, Engineering Services

**CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

* Denote absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

No leave of absence requests were received.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Sharon Fenton

SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the minutes of the September 20, 2013, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Rowena Tate

SECONDED by Carol Oreck

THAT the notes of the October 18, 2013, working session, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Business arising from the previous meeting

a. Community Based Care

Sharon Fenton advised a draft motion on this matter will be prepared for consideration at the next regular meeting.

b. Pearson Dogwood Development

Stef Schiedon, Lower Mainland Facilities Management, provided a presentation regarding the Pearson Dogwood development, and responded to questions. The Policy Statement regarding the Pearson Dogwood development is tentatively scheduled for consideration by City Council early in 2014. It was noted the Policy Statement is a preliminary stage in the rezoning process.

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During discussion and questions on Item 1.b, the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with the Items 4.c and 6.a. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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2. Presentations

a. Seniors Fact Sheet

Peter Marriott, Social Policy, provided a presentation and, along with Steven Dang, Social Policy, responded to questions regarding social indicators and trends for seniors for 2013.

b. Vancouver Park Board

Postponed.

c. Oakridge Development

Dwayne Drobot, Planning and Development Services, provided a presentation and responded to questions regarding the Oakridge development, and noted the Public Hearing for this site will be sometime in 2014. Committee members provided comments and suggestions, and expressed interest in a further update in January or February, 2014.

3. Committee Liaison reports

4. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Communication and Outreach

None.

b. Housing

None.

c. Transportation and Mobility

Eddy Elmer provided an update on recent Subcommittee activities.

Mr. Elmer noted that as part of its work on the issue of improving street lighting in Vancouver, the Subcommittee referenced the reports below:

- City of Vancouver (2012) - *Transportation 2040 Plan*
- City of Vancouver LGBTQ Advisory Committee (2013) - *Davie Street Revitalization Report*
- West End Mayors' Advisory Committee (2013) - *Community Priorities for the West End: Interim Report*
- Brandon C. Welsh and David P. Farrington (2007) - *Improved Street Lighting and Crime Prevention: A Systematic Review*
- City of Vancouver (2012) - *Pedestrian Safety Report*
- World Health Organization (2007) - *Global Age-friendly Cities – A Guide*

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Eddy Elmer

SECONDED by Rowena Tate

WHEREAS

1. Numerous local and international reports emphasize the importance of street and sidewalk lighting for maintaining personal safety, combating crime, and reducing pedestrian collisions, especially in the case of seniors and other vulnerable people;
2. The City's commitment to having Vancouver designated an 'age-friendly' city by The World Health Organization acknowledges that "public safety in all open spaces and buildings is a priority and is promoted by, for example, good street lighting";
3. The City's reliance on citizens to identify non-functioning street lights via 311 is ineffective for several reasons (e.g., citizens assume that City workers will identify

lighting problems; many citizens are unaware of the 311 service; some call centre staff request too much information from callers such as exact addresses and pole numbers; non-functioning lights are often located in non-residential areas, such as parks, alleys and commercial districts, where they are less likely to prompt a repair);

4. The average time to repair non-functioning lights (21 days) is too long, and some lights have remained in disrepair for over a year;
5. Several areas in the City are extremely dark and require brighter and/or additional street and sidewalk lighting;
6. Reliance on computer simulations to determine adequate lighting levels without the use of physical site inspections has underestimated the number of street and sidewalk-level lights required in many areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seniors' Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to work with the Seniors' Advisory Committee to prioritize street lighting improvements and:

1. Institute a more effective and expeditious process to identify and repair non-functioning street lights;
2. Install new lighting, especially sidewalk-level lighting, in poorly-lit areas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee requested the Meeting Coordinator send a copy of the motion regarding improved street lighting in Vancouver to the LGBTQ, Women's, and Persons With Disabilities Advisory Committees, and the Active Transportation Policy Council, for information.

d. Pets and apartments

None.

5. 2014 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Eva Wadolna

SECONDED by Colleen McGuiness

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve the following regular meeting dates for 2014:

- January 17, 2014
- May 9, 2014
- September 12, 2014
- October 17, 2014

All meetings to begin at 9:30 am at Vancouver City Hall, unless otherwise advised when the agenda published.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Scott Graham, Carol Oreck and Rowena Tate absent for the vote)

6. New business

a. West End Community Plan

MOVED by Colleen McGuiness

SECONDED by Rowena Tate

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee supports the letter from Eric Kowalski, Executive Director, West End Seniors' Network regarding the proposed West End Community Plan, and in particular the position on housing and recreation facilities.

FURTHER THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee send a letter to City Council in support of the West End Seniors Network proposed amendments to the West End Community Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Seaside Greenway Project

MOVED by Rowena Tate

SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee, via the Park Board Liaison, request Park Board staff provide a presentation to the Committee regarding the Seaside Greenway Project, so that the Committee can provide an informed opinion about the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Scott Graham, Carol Oreck and Rowena Tate absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard

SECONDED by Eval Wadolna

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: January 17, 2014

TIME: 9:30 am

PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 12:46 pm.

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