



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 21, 2017

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, July 21, 2017, at 10:04 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Colleen McGuinness, Chair
Thomas Crean*
Eddy Elmer
Clemencia Gomez
Beatrice Ho*
Anthony Kupferschmidt*
Gudrun Langolf
Dellie Lidyard
Dale Lutes
Ashok Puri*
Scott Ricker*
Elaine Wass
Jacqueline Weiler
Honghao Zu

ABSENT: Monica Camporese (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison
Winston Chou, Engineering Services, Staff Liaison
Christopher Kevlahan, Vancouver Public Library
Laura Mackenrot, Persons with Disabilities Advisory
Committee Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:** Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Beatrice Ho
SECONDED by Clemencia Gomez

THAT Monica Camporese be granted a Leave of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anthony Kupferschmidt and Ashok Puri absent for vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Dale Lutes
SECONDED by Beatrice Ho

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held May 12, 2017 be approved with the following amendment: to include the intent to write a letter to TransLink regarding accessible washrooms.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anthony Kupferschmidt and Ashok Puri absent for vote)

The Chair began the meeting by providing summaries of the July 18, and July 20, Public Hearings, both which are to conclude on July 25, 2017.

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Discussion arose regarding the exclusion of the Canada Line station at Cambie and 57th Avenue, as well as a general concern regarding that same intersection (crossing times, sightlines, overall pedestrian safety). The Committee shared frustrations that the City doesn't seem to understand the particular needs of vulnerable populations and articulated that "industry standards" should not be applied to those groups.

1. Approval of Final 2017-2018 Work Plan

Deferred to next meeting.

2. Approval of Letters to City Council

Deferred to next meeting.

3. Housing in Vancouver

Andy Yan, Director, City Program, Simon Fraser University, provided a presentation on "Older Adults in the City of Vancouver".

Discussion included:

- Number of seniors and their location throughout the city;
- the Housing Reset;
- type of data used and its interpretation;
- reality of quickly changing demographics and the novelty of having more seniors than children, and the impact on city planning and policies;
- Making the city age-friendly
- Barriers for seniors to participate in city planning (language, computer access, mobility, etc.)

4. Britannia Centre Redevelopment

Michelle Schouls, Tara Simmer, and Matthew Halverson from Real Estate and Facilities Management, provided an update on the Sunset Community Centre and the Britannia Centre redevelopment. Staff responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Dale Lutes
SECONDED by Gudrun Langolf

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Thomas Crean, Beatrice Ho and Scott Ricker absent for vote)

Next Working Session:

DATE: Friday, August 18, 2017
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Friday, September 15, 2017
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: **Town Hall Meeting Room # 115**
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 11:49 am.

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