



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 29, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, April 29, 2022, at 10:00 am, via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Linda Johnston (Co-Chair)
Marc White (Co-Chair)
Donna Clarke (Co-Vice Chair)
Susan Scott Gabe (Co-Vice Chair)
Stuart Alcock
Conrad Guelke
Varouj Gumuchian
Jenny Konkin
Andrea Sara
Margaret Young

ABSENT:

Sana Aziz
Anthony Kupferschmidt
Dale Lutes
Tricia Sirrs
Jacqueline Weiler

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Jean Swanson, Council Liaison
Winston Chou, Manager, Traffic and Data
Management (Staff Liaison)
Karen Liebel, Vancouver Public Library
Tricia Barker, Vancouver Park Board Commissioner
Liaison
Chris Morrissey, Persons with Disabilities Advisory
Committee

**CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:**

Brian Fukushima, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

Co-Chair Johnston called the meeting to order and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

1. Accessibility Task Force Report Motion

MOVED by Linda Johnston
SECONDED by Andrea Sara

WHEREAS The Accessibility Task Force Report final draft will not be ready by the April 29th, 2022 Special Meeting. In discussions with the Manager, Civic Agencies, it is possible for the Seniors' Advisory Committee to approve the Accessibility Task Force Report in principle following final input from the SAC's Task Force representatives as well as SAC Executive review. The final date for and SAC motion to approve the Accessibility Task Force Report is May 20th, 2022 which also coincides with our next clerked SAC meeting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee give provisional approval of the Accessibility Task Force Report pending final review and approval of SAC appointed members of the Accessibility Task Force and SAC Executive.

CARRIED
(Stuart Alcock opposed)

2. SAC Housing Subcommittee Motion

MOVED by Donna Clarke
SECONDED by Jenny Konkin

WHEREAS both the Vancouver Plan and the Broadway Plan will be coming to Council in May; and

WHEREAS on May 12th the City Staff Report on the Broadway Plan will be released to the public and be brought to Council on May 19th. The Vancouver Report is expected to be brought to Council in June; and

WHEREAS in adopting a 'social equity lens', it is important to ensure that those who currently call the Broadway Corridor their home are not displaced or at increased risk of economic eviction from the community and neighbourhood that they call home and that measure are taken to ensure that the affordability of this housing continues to be preserved for future generations. Members of SAC also hold a deep concern that residents are merely being offered temporary top up and placement during construction of new buildings, and then being offered 20% discounts on CMHC Market Rentals. Currently there is no recognition that most of the Seniors have been living in rent

controlled buildings with long term tenancy. This concern will also be circulated to all Advisory Committees; and

WHEREAS The Vancouver Report is expected to be brought to Council in June. In both cases the SAC housing committee will prepare motions to prevent demoviction and increased risk of homelessness of 1,000's of seniors who have long tenancy in rent controlled low rise rental housing and will not be adequately protected under the proposed current resident protection program; and

WHEREAS given there is only a one week period between the release of the city staff report and its presentation to Council, SAC Housing will immediately review the report and circulate a statement of recommendations for input and approval electronically to SAC members. It is anticipated that this will include recommendations on concrete suggestions on possible amendments that Councillors may wish to consider;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve in principle that Marc White and/or an alternate Chair (Donna Clarke, Linda Johnston or Susan Scott Gabe) be appointed by SAC to speak to Council regarding feedback on the Broadway Plan and the Vancouver Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Planning Together Motion

MOVED by Andrea Sara
SECONDED by Varouj Gumuchian

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve the SAC TAMS Committee proposed education session tentatively entitled, "Planning Together: Preparing Multi-Modal Transportation Options for Vancouver's Aging Population," on June 1, 2022, bringing together seniors-serving organizations with transportation experience and assets (e.g. volunteer driver and community shuttle programs).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Linda Johnston
SECONDED by Marc White

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, May 20, 2022
TIME: 10 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, City Hall / WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 10:20 am.

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