



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 17, 2013

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee was held on Friday, May 17, 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
Dellie Lidyard
Colleen McGuinness, Vice-Chair
Carol Oreck
Rowena Tate
Eva Wadolna

ABSENT: Tom Bruncker (Sick Leave)
Colin Lazzerini

ALSO PRESENT: Murray Wightman, Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Vancouver Public Library

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. Introductions and Welcome

Colleen McGuinness, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

Murray Wightman, Staff Liaison, advised this will be his last meeting and that Taryn Scollard, Manager Parking Operations and Enforcement, will be assuming the role of Staff Liaison for the Seniors Advisory Committee.

2. Leave of Absence Requests

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard
SECONDED by Sharon Fenton

THAT the following items be added to the agenda as New Business:

- Metro Affordable Housing
- BC Services Card
- West End Community Plan
- Digital Strategy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Chris Morrissey absent for the vote)

4. Approval of Minutes and Meeting Notes

MOVED by Sharon Fenton
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the minutes of the February 22, 2013, meeting be approved.

AND FURTHER THAT the meeting notes of the March 15 and April 19, 2013, working sessions be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Chris Morrissey absent for the vote)

5. Business arising from the previous meeting

a) Oakridge Centre update

Postponed.

b) Community based care motion follow-up

Sharon Fenton provided an update on the motion approved at the February 22, 2013, meeting. Discussion ensued on options to follow up on the motion.

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The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to hear the presentation regarding Seniors Dialogue - Summary Report (Item 7.a.) next. The minutes are recorded in numerical order for ease of reference

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c) Seniors' Week - June 2 - 8, 2013

The Committee discussed activities planned for Seniors' Week including the Roundhouse Health Fair on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. The Committee also reviewed the brochure with general information on the Seniors Advisory Committee, that will be made available during Seniors' Week. The Staff Liaison agreed to coordinate printing of the brochure and a sign, and Eddy Elmer agreed to coordinate volunteers to attend the Health Fair table.

MOVED by Sharon Fenton
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee request Mayor Robertson to proclaim June 2 to 8, 2013, as Seniors' Week in Vancouver and the proclamation to read as follows:

WHEREAS:

1. BC Seniors' Week is celebrated on June 2 - 8, 2013.
2. Seniors are our parents, our grandparents, our uncles and aunts, our siblings, our spouses and partners, our teachers, our volunteers, our mentors, our neighbours, our friends, and our coworkers.
3. Seniors in Vancouver continue to play an important role in the daily lives of all citizens.
4. The work and contributions of seniors are part of the legacy to Vancouver.
5. BC Seniors' Week focuses on celebrating and recognizing the valuable contributions made by seniors to the betterment of our communities, families, and workplaces.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim June 2 - 8, 2013, as Seniors' Week in Vancouver and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the vital role played by seniors in our community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair agreed to liaise with the Mayor's Office on logistics for receiving the proclamation at Council on May 28, 2013, and to arrange for a Councillor to read the proclamation at the Health Fair.

d) Pearson Dogwood proposal

Sharon Fenton distributed “Report on Dogwood Pearson Redevelopment at 59th and Cambie - March 2013”, and an excerpt from page 9 of “Design Brief - Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Charrette” (on file). Concerns were raised regarding the redevelopment of the long-term residential care home, potential displacement of existing residents, and challenges in general for people with dementia and other incapacitating illnesses.

The Committee agreed to request Ms. Fenton invite Brad Foster from the Pearson Dogwood Community Advisory Group, and Andrew Wilkinson, Vancouver-Quilchena MLA, to speak on the matter at the next meeting.

e) Transportation plan

Postponed.

6. Proclamation - Seniors' Week

Dealt with in 5.c) above.

7. Presentations

a) Seniors Dialogue - Summary Report

Steven Dang, Social Planner, Social Policy, provided a presentation entitled “An Age-friendly Action Plan of the Healthy City Strategy - report back on addressing the needs of persons with dementia and the Seniors Dialogues”, tentatively slated for the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on May 29, 2013, and responded to questions.

The Committee discussed challenges for seniors coping with Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other debilitating health issues. It was agreed to invite the President of the Alzheimer's Society to speak at a future meeting.

b) Planning Department - Meeting with Brian Jackson

Postponed to the meeting on June 21, 2013.

8. Committee Liaison reports

Postponed.

9. Subcommittee Reports

a) Communication and Outreach

Eddy Elmer provided an update regarding recent Communication and Outreach Subcommittee activities. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed June outreach meeting at the Champlain Heights Community Centre and joint meeting with other Civic Agencies regarding improved street lighting.

b) Housing

The Chair and Vice-Chair provided an update on recent Housing Subcommittee activities. Discussion ensued regarding the Casa Mia redevelopment site on Southwest Marine Drive. There was also mention of the matter of accessible entrances and an amendment to the Norquay Village to make accessible entrances but limiting this so as not to impact the existing streetscape.

c) Transportation and Mobility

Rowena Tate provided an update on recent Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee activities. Discussion ensued regarding the No. 9 bus stop at Cambie and Broadway, requirement for bike bells, the intersection at Haro and Thurlow, and Canada Line stairways.

10. New Business

a) Metro Affordable Housing

Postponed to the next meeting.

b) BC Services Card

To be added as Business Arising from the Minutes (Dellie Liddyard), at the next meeting.

c) West End Community Plan

Eddy Elmer provided an update on the West End Community Plan. It was agreed to invite Planning staff to a future meeting.

d) Digital Strategy

The Vice-Chair brought forward the issue of how the digital age impacts seniors. It was suggested City staff be invited to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Eddy Elmer
SECONDED by Rowena Tate

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session

DATE: June 21, 2013
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

At the call of the Chair.

The Committee adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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