

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting on Friday July 20, 2012 (9:30 – 11:30 AM)
City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

Present members: **Chris Morrisey – Chair**
Colin Lazzerini – Vice Chair
Thomas Bruner
Eddy Elmer
Sharon Fenton
Henry Lee
Dellie Lidyard
Carol Oreck
Colleen McGuinness (Recorder)
Rowena Tate
Eva Wadolna

Present guests: Jill Weiss (PWDAC rep)
Grant Miller, Planning Department
Abi Bond, Planning Department

Civic Liaisons: Neal Carley, Assistant City Engineer
Melissa De Genova, VPB Commissioner
Pauline Preston, VPL – Branch Head

Council Liaison: Tony Tang, Councillor

Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was amended to include under Unfinished Business:

- A - City web page and SAC
- B - Replacement of committee member,
- C - Seniors' Advocate letter and
- D - Taxisavers.

Attendance

No leaves were requested.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the June 15th meeting was deferred to the next clerked meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Notes on web site: SAC was advised that notes of “unclerked meetings” cannot be posted on the official City web site. It was agreed that there should be further discussion on this matter.

B. Replacement of committee member: members were informed that Dan McFall had resigned from the SAC. A request must be made to the City Clerk to ask City Council to appoint a replacement for Mr. McFall.

Action item: Chair to contact City Clerk, via Pat Boomhower, requesting a replacement be appointed.

C. A letter re proposed by the BC government new Seniors’ Advocate Office was deferred.

D. Taxisaver update – Due to the success of the three Taxisaver forums, coordinated by the PWDAC and SAC, **Translink announced that the decision to cancel the Taxisaver program had been rescinded.** A round of applause was given to Jill Weiss and Chris Morrissey for their hard work. Jill noted that at the third forum the discussion identified a number of related transportation issues and these items will be referred to the Transportation Subcommittee when the transcript of the meeting is complete.

Action item: Transportation Committee to report back with a coordinated summary of the forums and develop a strategy for moving forward.

CIVIC LIAISON UPDATES

Neal Carley reported that generic business cards were being produced for all committee members and that there would have the committee email and City Hall address.

CITY PRESENTATIONS

1 - POINT GREY PRIVATE HOSPITAL

Grant Miller, from **Planning Department** introduced a proposal for an expansion of the existing Point Grey Private Hospital on Cornwall St. from 75 beds to 170 beds. This is a family-owned business licensed by Vancouver Coastal Health.

The detailed plan was presented by **Stuart Howard, Architect**, who explained that is to convert the current double and triple rooms into almost all single rooms with 5% being reserved for couples. This will be accomplished by the redevelopment of adjacent apartment buildings to the east and west of the current hospital site. Both properties were previously acquired by the hospital

owner and are occupied by employees and family members so there will not be dislocation of tenants. The expansion will allow the hospital to provide long-term accommodation and care for aging seniors. Current residents will continue in residence during the construction phase. A public hearing will be held in the fall and with approval, the project would be ready for occupancy in 2015.

There was a unanimous support of this proposal with the following concerns expressed: * Need for abatement of noise/effects on the existing residents, and
* More emphasis on affordability.

2 - THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

This presentation by **Abi Bond** from **Planning Department** concluded in a general discussion on an issue of affordability of senior housing in Vancouver. The SAC members emphasized the importance of affordability and accessibility and aging in place.

Next meeting

Date: August 17, 2012

Time: 9:30 am

Location: City Business Centre, Second Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 11:45