

## SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 20, 2009

### MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Friday, November 20, 2009, at 9:00 am in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Morrissey, Chair  
Grace Balbutin  
Thomas Brunker  
Dena Dawson, Vice-Chair  
Sylvia Gurstein  
Flordelis (Dellie) Lidyard  
Virginia McDade  
Colleen McGuinness  
Patrick Simpson  
Eva Wadolna

ABSENT: Alice Choi  
Henry Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Allen Blakey, Vancouver School Board  
Commissioner Loretta Woodcock, Park Board  
Neal Carley, Assistant City Engineer - Streets

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Cobi Falconer, Meeting Coordinator

#### Attendance

A LOA was granted to Dena Dawson for the December meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes -

The minutes of the October 23, 2009, were approved as amended to show Grace Balbutin as a LOA.

#### 1. Olympic Transportation

The Committee heard a presentation from Marnie McGregor, Project Manager, 2010 Host City Stakeholder Relations who was joined by representatives from VANOC, the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit, and TransLink.

## 2. Snow Removal

Neal Carley, Assistant City Engineer, provided information and responded to questions on snow removal which has been incorporated into an administrative report to be presented at a Standing Committee meeting on December 3, 2009. Mr. Carley discussed various solutions to assist seniors with future snow removal such as implementation of a future communications campaign, creation of a snow shovelling registry, encourage groups to shovel snow for free or donation, and education tools for how to properly clear a sidewalk.

Mr. Carley also answered questions about leaf removal in the fall season. This is an issue that will be dealt with separately in a different report in the future.

## 3. Rezoning/ Heritage Designation/ Heritage Revitalization Agreement Application: 3205-3221 West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street

Maurice Ouellette, Emaar Canada, and Michelle McGuire, Planner, Rezoning Centre, provided a presentation regarding the rezone from RS-5 (One-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District at 3205-3221 West 41st Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street. In sum, the proposed project is to allow development of a 4-storey dwelling designed for seniors, to preserve the heritage B-listed Knox Church, and to replace the Church annex building. The presenters are interested in input from SAC for the upcoming Public Hearing on November 24, 2009.

Colleen McGuinness declared a conflict of interest regarding this presentation but decided to stay.

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*During discussion, due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with items 4 and 7. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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The Seniors Advisory Committee shared concerns about the project. It was noted this application is being dealt with at the November 24, 2009, Public Hearing.

The following is a motion the Committee would like to be presented at the Public Hearing:

MOVED BY Eva Wadolna  
SECONDED BY Thomas Brunker

THAT the members of the Seniors Advisory Committee are agreed that the following senior-friendly conditions need to be considered before City Council makes a decision on the proposal for 3205-3221 West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street.

FURTHER that all units be built to the SAFER HOMES Standards to ensure that the owner ageing-in-place features are incorporated into the project.

FURTHER that horizontal connections be created between the towers.

FURTHER that provision be made, in the design, for a communal commercial kitchen.

FURTHER that provision be made to guarantee the senior-service society in perpetuity, (by strata council or some other body established according to BC legislation).

FURTHER that the "Beacon Hill Village" model be adapted to reflect the Canadian realities.

FURTHER that consideration be given to incorporate affordability into the fee schedule, specifically the membership fees.

AND FURTHER that Vancouver Coastal Health be consulted on the terms of services available to residents as they age in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. Pedestrian Safety Study in Downtown Eastside

Don Buchanan, VANDU Pedestrian Safety Project coordinator, gave a brief presentation and answered questions about an 8-week project to improve pedestrian safety in the Downtown Eastside through a community-based health promotion strategy.

MOVED BY Colleen McGuinness

SECONDED BY Sylvia Gurstein

THAT the Senior Advisory Committee appoint Patrick Simpson as a representative to participate in the *Advisory Committee of the DTES Pedestrian Safety Project*, a partnership between the City of Vancouver and VANDU.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5. Workplan

This item will be dealt with at a future meeting.

#### 6. Other Business

There were no other items.

## 7. Community Gardens - Accessibility for the Disabled

Jill Weiss, Chair of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC), reviewed the need for existing and new community gardens to become increasingly accessible to those with disabilities. PDAC is currently looking for feedback from various groups on the draft guidelines.

Ms. Weiss requested that SAC and PDAC establish a joint Subcommittee for Community Gardens Accessibility.

MOVED BY Colleen McGuinness  
SECONDED BY Flordelis (Dellie) Lidyard

THAT the Senior Advisory Committee work with the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to establish a joint Subcommittee for Community Gardens Accessibility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that no SAC volunteers have come forward yet.

### Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, December 18, 2009  
Time: 9:30 am  
Place: Committee Room 2, Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 12:12 pm

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