

SENIOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 7, 2012

An informal outreach meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, December 7, 2012, at 10:00am in the Seniors Lounge at the Kerrisdale Community Centre.

PRESENT:	Chris Morrissey – Chair Eddy Elmer Sharon Fenton Dellie Lidyard Carol Oreck Colleen McGuinness (Vice-Chair & Recorder) Rowena Tate Eva Wadolna Jill Weiss (PDAC rep) Neal Carley (Staff Liaison & Engineering) Melissa De Genova (Parks Board) Tony Tang (Council Liaison)
ABSENT:	Tasia Alexis (PDAC rep) Thomas Brunker Colin Lazzerini Henry Lee Pauline Preston (VPL) Sophie Woo
Guests	Marion Cohen Rhys Williams (Engineering) Doug Scott (Engineering) Members of the general public

At 10:00am the meeting was called to order and self-introductions were made.

Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

Attendance

Leave of absence was requested by Tom Brunker and Henry Lee. Approved

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2012 were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES

a. Melissa de Genova, Parks Board

Melissa gave a brief summary of recent Board activities.

- a bike share program in public parks has been approved
- as a result of the community concern expressed about the fitness benefits of bowling and the loss of the bowling lanes at Arbutus, bowling will be included in future park development planning.
- the Parks Board will establish a Task Force on Greening and,
- budget cuts will result in the cutting of staff and this will have an impact on seniors centres.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Communication and Community Outreach Committee

The SAC web site was introduced to the members of the public in attendance. Eddy thanked the committee members who worked to set up the first of a series of SAC out-reach meetings that will be held throughout the city.

Eddy and Marion are setting up web page links on aging resources and community committees and agencies.

b. Housing Committee

It was reported that the sub committee, in cooperation with the PDAC housing sub-committee, is working to have the new revised building code incorporate more features that will support aging in place. This will ensure that all new structures built in Vancouver are more accommodating to seniors and persons with disabilities.

c. Transportation and Mobility Committee

The committee terms of reference include matters pertaining to seniors' pedestrian safety, the outdoor environment, parks and sidewalks.

Their work to make the pedestrian crossing at Cambie and Broadway safer was reported on. Special concern was expressed, by the guests in attendance, about the need for lengthen crossing times at many intersections throughout the city and they were referred to the City's Active Transportation Committee. It was also noted that the police should be encouraged to enforce rules for pedestrians as well as drivers.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Comox – Helmcken Greenway

Douglas Scott explained the design for the Greenway, which stretches from Stanley Park to False Creek and will be built in two stages. It is focused on being accessible for all ages.

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Elements include safety, seating, ease for crossing the street, problems with bikes on sidewalks.

Reduced traffic on Comox will enhance bike/skateboard comfort. The loss of parking is an issue for some seniors.

The focus of the project is “All ages and abilities walking plan” and it is a model of the 2040 Transportation Plan.

The meeting adjourned at this point.

The presentation of the Integrative Care model by Gloria Levi commenced with an introduction by Sharon Fenton.