

**SENIOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 18, 2013**

A working session of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, January 18, 2013 at 9:30am in the Town Hall room at City Hall.

PRESENT:	Chris Morrisey (Chair) Eddy Elmer Sharon Fenton Clemencia Gomez Dellie Lidyard Carol Oreck Colleen McGuinness (Vice-Chair & Recorder) Rowena Tate Eva Wadolna Jill Weiss (PDAC rep) Tasia Alexis (PDAC rep) Al Luongo (Staff Liaison & Engineering) Melissa De Genova (Parks Board) Tony Tang (Council Liaison)
ABSENT:	Thomas Brunker Colin Lazzerini Henry Lee Pauline Preston (VPL) Sophie Woo
GUESTS:	Stephen Dang, City staff member Scott Graham, SPARC

At 9:30am the meeting was called to order, newest member Clemencia Gomez was welcomed and self-introductions were made.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

**Attendance**

Leave of absence was approved for Tom Brunker.  
Moved by Eva, seconded by Dellie – carried  
Leave was requested, but declined for Henry Lee.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting was deferred.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### a. SPARC

Scott Gordon reviewed the process of the Seniors' Dialogues and the summary that has been made of the comments of the 347 attendees and 85 volunteers who participated.

### b. Street lights

Eddy reported that burnt out street lights are still in issue in the West End. Discussion about the various reporting methods concluded that people should be encouraged to call rather than use the electronic reporting option via the City's web site.

### c. SAFER

It was agreed that a reminder note would be sent to Councillor Tang, asking him to report on the status of the SAC letter to Mayor and Council regarding a recommendation on the SAFER program to be referred to the annual meeting of the UBCM.

### d. Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force

Moved by Colleen, seconded by Dellie – that a letter of invitation be sent to Mayor Robertson, inviting him to attend the next meeting of the SAC. – carried

This motion is to be incorporated in the minutes of the next Clerked meeting in February. A letter is to be drafted and forwarded to Mayor Robertson via Councillor Tang.

It was agreed that the letter would be drafted and circulated by email for approval before being forwarded to Councillor Tang.

### e. Seniors' Week activities

It was agreed that Vancouver Foundation, New Horizons funding for 2014 should be applied for as soon as possible via City Council or City staff. Additionally, the Mayor's Office should be approached and a formal Seniors Week proclamation requested for 2013. The celebration date set for this year is Tuesday, June 11th. Chris agreed to contact the coordinator of the Roundhouse Community Centre where Seniors Week events have been held in previous years as part of a Parks Board sponsored program.

The Communications and Outreach Committee was asked to follow-up on this.

Moved by Clemencia, seconded by Sharon - that the Multicultural Advisory Committee be asked to send a representative to the next meeting to discuss joint activities on this topic.- carried

### f. Greater Vancouver Seniors Steering Committee update

Sharon attended the last meeting and reported that the GVSS did not receive the hoped-for funding and they intend to put effort into finding new funding sources.

## **COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES**

### a. Engineering

- Murray Wightman will be the new SAC staff liaison and in his absence, Rys Williams will be available to the committee members. At this meeting Al Luongo attended to represent and to report back to the Engineering Dept.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### a. Communication and Community Outreach Committee

There was a review of the first outreach meeting that took place in Kerrisdale in December with a small, but very interested number of seniors in attendance. The meeting notice failed to be published in the Courier but was listed in the Community Centre newsletter and circulated through the Dunbar neighbourhood email list.

The committee will make a recommendation about the next outreach meeting date and location.

### b. Housing Committee

Committee reported on the meetings with Will Johnston and the need for a meeting with the General Manager of Planning, Brian Jackson. Councillor Tony Tang will be asked to assist with getting a meeting with Mr. Jackson.

Clemencia asked if there was any information on the status of New Continental residents who are being relocated to the Ramada Inn in the Collingwood neighbourhood. There was no further information on this item.

### c. Transportation and Mobility Committee

The committee had not met. The members were, however, assisting in industry-wide training of taxi drivers to ensure that drivers are well prepared to serve seniors and persons with disabilities.

It was also noted that the committee would like to have a representative from the Community Policing Office attend a future meeting.

After discussion it was concluded that visually impaired seniors have difficulty crossing bicycle lanes to get to taxis. It was referred to the committee and Engineering for review and comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Oakridge redevelopment

Dellie was contacted by a representative of the Oakridge Seniors' Centre. It appears that the seniors' centre will be relocated to the second or third floor of the new project and somewhat distant from the drop-off location.

The committee agreed that the Oakridge Seniors Centre would be a possible venue for a future outreach meeting.

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It was concluded that Engineering would inform the Director of Planning of the wish to meet with the proponent with the purpose of discussing seniors' needs.

b. Community-based care motion

Two committee members attended the recent meeting on community based care. According to Sharon a motion in support of this initiative would be appropriate. After discussion it was agreed that Sharon and Colleen should meet to redraft the introduction to the motion for presentation at the February meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

The next meeting of the Committee will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Town Hall room at City Hall at 9:30am.