



**SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
UNOFFICIAL NOTES**

February 17, 2017

A working session of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on February 17, 2017, at 10:00am, Protocol Boardroom, 3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT:

Monica Camporese
Thomas Crean
Eddy Elmer (Recorder)
Clemencia Gómez
Beatrice Ho
Anthony Kupferschmidt
Gudrun Langolf
Dellie Lidyard
Dale Lutes
Colleen McGuinness (Chair)
Ashok Puri
Scott Ricker (Vice-Chair)
Elaine Wass
Jacqueline Weiler

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vancouver City Council
Laura Mackenrot, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Comm.

ABSENT:

Christopher Kevlahan, Vancouver Public Library
Chris Morrissey (Immediate Past Chair)
Taryn Scollard, Engineering Services
Park Board Commissioner Erin Shum
Councillor Tim Stevenson, Vancouver City Council
Honghao Xu

1. Introductions

The Chair asked Committee members to introduce themselves and then provided an overview of the Committee's operations, including the City of Vancouver's [Procedure Bylaw](#), [Guidelines for Civic Agencies](#), and [Code of Conduct](#). Members were asked to provide Eddy Elmer with a brief biography and photograph to put on the Committee's unofficial website.

2. Discussion About General Priorities for Next Term

Members discussed a variety of over-arching issues and made the following comments:

- i. The Committee's work should fall within the framework of the City of Vancouver's [Age-Friendly Action Plan](#) as well as fulfill the requirements needed to become an [Age-Friendly Community](#) as designated by the Province of British Columbia and a [Global Age-Friendly City](#) as designated by the World Health Organization.
- ii. The Age-Friendly Action Plan should be not be usurped by the wider Healthy City Initiative.
- iii. Given the limited time and resources available from the Committee members, there should be a focus on systemic policy issues rather than specific projects.
- iv. The City should designate a specific individual in the Social Policy and Planning Department to focus on aging issues.

Members also discussed the City's Train-the-Trainer Dementia program, which is currently underway and for which a manual has been printed. Monica Camporese indicated that Vancouver Coastal Health is working with the City on this initiative and she will provide the Committee with more information about this project.

3. Discussion About Subcommittee Priorities

Members of the previous term's Subcommittees discussed their accomplishments and highlighted several issues requiring further attention. Members were reminded that Subcommittee membership is not limited to Committee members and that people from the outside community are welcome to join. Members were also encouraged to actively liaise with other advisory committees on issues of mutual interest.

(a) *Housing Subcommittee Priorities*

- i. The City should require that all new housing in Vancouver be fully accessible, as it is in 14 other countries.
- ii. The City Building Bylaw should emphasize both accessibility as well as "visitability" (i.e., design guidelines that make a property accessible not just for people who live there, but also those who wish to visit).
- iii. The Committee must advocate that a specific percentage of affordable social housing to be designated for seniors.
- iv. The Committee must provide input to the City about the redevelopment of older, affordable, low-rise housing in the area bounded by Burrard Street, Cambie Street, West 4th Avenue, and West 16th Avenue. It is especially critical to ensure that all redevelopment proposals include a tenant relocation package; this has not always been the case.
- v. Staff should endeavor to seek the Subcommittee's input about development projects at an earlier stage in the development process, rather than at the end. It was suggested that the City Clerk forward to the Subcommittee any relevant information about upcoming developments. It was also suggested that the Subcommittee review minutes of all advisory committees, including the Urban Design Panel and Development Permit Board.

Laura Mackenrot suggested that SAC members meet with members of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to agree on key issues to discuss in an upcoming meeting with the City's new Chief Planner, Gil Kelley. It was indicated that Mr. Kelley is very open to working with both Committees on issues of importance to them.

Councillor Ball suggested that the Subcommittee liaise with Anne McMullin of the Urban Development Institute and other key figures in the planning community who have influence with the development industry.

(b) Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee Priorities

Chair Dellie Lidyard described the Subcommittee's accomplishments and future priorities (see Appendix "A"). Two key priorities were highlighted:

- i. Input into West 10th Avenue Corridor redesign, which must put the needs of pedestrians first, as per the City's [2040 Transportation Plan](#). Eddy Elmer suggested that the Committee express its views about this project by writing letters to local newspapers.
- ii. Affordable transit options for seniors and persons with disabilities, including concession transit fares. The Subcommittee should monitor results of TransLink's Fare Review Consultation and provide input in this regard.

(c) Community Engagement Task Force Priorities

Beatrice Ho suggested that the Committee have more meetings in the community, focusing on specific topics relevant to different neighbourhoods.

(d) Social Isolation and Loneliness Project Task Force Priorities

Scott Ricker provided an update about this project. Now that the consultant has been hired, the project is officially underway.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Eddy Elmer, SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard
THAT this meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2017
TIME: 10:00am
PLACE: Town Hall Room 115, 1st Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 1:00 pm

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Appendix “A”

Overview of Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee Accomplishment and Future
Priorities

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