



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 20, 2015

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, March 20, 2015, at 9:35 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Colleen McGuinness, Chair
Eva Beda
Thomas Crean
Eddy Elmer
Beatric Ho
Gudrun Langolf
Dellie Lidyard
Jim McCully
Angie Natingor
Scott Ricker, Vice-Chair
Brian Tucker
Eva Wadolna
Jacqueline Weiler
Bob Worcester

ABSENT: Lisa Low

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball (Council Liaison)
Commissioner Erin Shum (Park Board Liaison)
Stephanie Kripps, Outreach Services,
Vancouver Public Library (Library Liaison)
Taryn Scollard, Director, Streets Division,
Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)
Chris Morrissey, Past Chair

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Schedule of Meetings, Attendance and Housekeeping Matters

The Meeting Coordinator reviewed the following:

- 2015 meeting schedule
- Quorum and attendance requirements
- Leave of absence requests
- Terms of reference
- City of Vancouver Procedure By-law (meeting procedures)
- City of Vancouver Code of Conduct Policy (motion required to receive for information at next Regular meeting)
- 2015 - 2017 membership list and City staff contact information

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve the 2015 meeting schedule, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

It was agreed to postpone election of Chair and Vice-Chair to allow new members to become acquainted with the Committee.

Subsequently, the Committee agreed on consensus to appoint the following individuals in an interim capacity:

Colleen McGuiness, Chair
Scott Ricker, Vice-Chair
Eddy Elmer, Meeting Recorder

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At this point in the proceedings Colleen McGuiness assumed the Chair.

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Introductions

Liaisons and members participated in roundtable introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Eddy Elmer

SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting on November 21, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Orientation and Housekeeping Matters

Documents listed on the agenda were reviewed in conjunction with the first item on the agenda.

4. Committee Liaison Updates

Review of roles and updates from the following liaisons:

(a) Council Liaison Update

The Council Liaison provided updates and discussion ensued on a number of topics including:

- Sidewalks and safety for seniors
- Improved street lighting
- Parking issues

(b) School Board Liaison Update

None.

(c) Park Board Liaison Update

The Park Board Liaison provided updates on a number of topics including:

- Potential increased budget for garbage clean-up in parks and chafer beetle management
- Moving forward with the Killarney Seniors Centre

(d) Library Liaison Update

The Library Liaison provided updates on a number of topics including:

- “Inspiration Lab” support program to help patrons with digitizing/formatting old media formats and other technology issues is opening late May
- Library is beginning a pilot with the Alzheimer’s Society and other community groups to raise awareness and friendliness around dementia, and explore the Library’s role in the project
- Confirmed Ted Talks are being streamed at the Library

(e) Staff Liaison Update

The Staff Liaison provided updates on a number of topics including:

- Presentation by Mukhtar Latif, Chief Housing Officer; the Committee confirmed its interest in having Mr. Latif provide a presentation on housing issues
- Presentation on transit referendum; rather than presenting to the Seniors’ Advisory Committee individually, it was suggested this presentation be made to a collective group of committees

5. 2015 to 2017 Workplan

Discussion on Committee goals and objectives for the term was postponed until after Subcommittees are organized.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

It was agreed to remove "Pets and Apartments" as a potential Subcommittee, as staff are taking the lead on pet-related issues.

It was agreed to continue with the Subcommittee listed below. The Chair requested Committee members email her to indicate which Subcommittee(s) they wish to participate on.

- (a) Communication and Outreach
- (b) Housing
- (c) Transportation and Mobility

7. New Business

- (a) **Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP)**

The Committee discussed the proposed amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP) slated for the Public Hearing on March 24, 2015, as it pertains to the definition of social housing.

Following discussion it was,

MOVED by Scott Ricker
SECONDED by Thomas Crean

WHEREAS

On March 20, 2015, at the first meeting the newly constituted Seniors' Advisory Committee (appointed on March 3, 2015, for the 2015 to 2017 term), the Committee expressed grave concerns regarding the definition of social housing, (previously referred to as low cost housing), as outlined in the Policy Report dated February 23, 2015, entitled "Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), including new housing definitions applicable to all areas within the DODP and including amendments to implement the West End and Downtown Eastside plans", that is being considered by City Council at the Public Hearing on March 24, 2015.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee urges Council to defer approval of the definition of social housing referred to above, until there is an opportunity for clarification and to consult with other Vancouver Civic Agencies, so that Council is in a position to make an informed decision on this definition.

FURTHER THAT if the definition is not deferred, the Seniors' Advisory Committee cannot support this proposal as presented, because of lack of clarity regarding the definition of social housing, and its potential impacts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was agreed that Colleen McGuinness will speak on the matter on behalf of the Seniors' Advisory Committee at the Public Hearing on March 24, 2015.

(b) Increase Protections for Vancouver Renters

The Staff Liaison noted a motion entitled "Increase Protections for Vancouver Renters" has been put forward by Mayor Robertson and is slated for the Regular Council meeting on March 24, 2015. Ms. Scollard suggested that if the motion is approved by Council, the Committee reach out to the Renters Advisory Committee regarding concerns around rental housing for seniors.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Eva Wadolna
SECONDED by Eddy Elmer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meetings:

Date	Meeting Type
April 17, 2015	Working Session
May 15, 2015	Working Session
June 19, 2015	Regular Meeting
July 17, 2015	Working Session
August 21, 2015	Working Session
September 18, 2015	Regular Meeting
October 16, 2015	Working Session
November 20, 2015	Regular Meeting
December 18, 2015	Working Session

TIME: 9:30 am

PLACE: Committee Room No. 1,
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 12:12 pm.

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