



**Southeast Vancouver Seniors
Arts and Cultural Centre Society
Minutes - Meeting # 42
Champlain Heights Community Centre
3350 Maquinna Drive, Vancouver
Thursday Nov 17, 2011 at 10:30 AM
www.SVSACS.org – tel. 604-325-0163**

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Manfred Hagen, Margaret Homonnay, Philip Mah, Pat Deibert, Bert Massiah, Wendy Emslander, Kari Ward, Nelson Didulo, George Anderson, Abdul Shaikh, Kamlesh Sethi, Aman Dhillon, Gail MacKay.

Regrets: To save paper and ink this paragraph is discontinued.

1. Introductions & Welcome - Meeting called to order at 10:30 am.
2. Revised Agenda Approval: Moved by Pat Deibert, 2nd by Gail MacKay, carried.
3. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 42 – moved by Bert Massiah, 2nd by Philip Mah, carried.
4. Reports: Presidents Report – Lorna
 - Several SVSACS Members attended both the Mayor and Council All Candidates Meeting and the Parks Board All Candidates Meeting. Bert Massiah, Pat Diebert, Keith Jacobson and Margaret Homonnay spoke on the need for a seniors centre in southeast Vancouver, community consultation processes, street cleaning (leaves), pest control etc.
 - In a meeting with MP Wai Young, she encouraged SVSACS to write to Hon. Ministers Falcon, Lekstrom and Chong. Accordingly, a letter was sent to MLA Kash Heed and those Ministers were also copied. Minister Lekstrom's EA telephoned to acknowledge receipt of correspondence and promised to call again soon.
 - Representing SVSACS, I visited with MLA Kash Heed also to ensure his continuing support for the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Centre. MLA Heed wants to assure us that he has been doing his part in promoting and advocating for the Seniors' Centre with colleagues in the Legislature.
 - **Snow Angels Program:** Vancouver recognizes that snow removal may be difficult for some older adults and is setting up a volunteer-based program to assist. Call 311 to register, they will assign a Case No. and contact you when volunteers have been identified.
 - This is my last report for 2011. I want to thank each of you for your loyalty and support over the past year. Have a good Holiday and I hope you'll return in January, ready for the challenges of the coming year.
 - Financial Reports & CRA Status – Aman Dhillon of Huamali and Associates, CGA, reported on our charitable application. CRA has received our application and the papers are in order, and assigned file number 3046905. A Charity Officer will review our application in early 2012.
5. **Topic: ABCs of Frauds and Scams:** Ted Pearson of COSCO gave a very informative presentation on this timely topic. Ted's main points were:
 - Put your phone number on the **do not call registry 1-866-580-3625**.
 - Memorize and shield you PIN number. Never divulge PIN information.

- Never divulge the three digits on the reverse of your credit card to anyone.
- Always check with the Better Business Bureau before hiring a contractor.
- Do not give personal information to anyone, particularly your SIN number.
- Keep financial statements for a reasonable time then shred them.
- Do not spend or send money for a 'free' prize or vacation.
- Verify unfamiliar charities with Revenue Canada at 1-800-267-2384
- Be alert to sudden changes in the mail you receive – fraudsters may redirect your mail to another location to effect identity and real estate fraud.
- Every year check your credit reports and property titles. Consider buying title insurance and identity theft insurance.
- Canada web site: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/scams-fraudes/index-eng.htm>
- For the complete presentation contact George Grant for copies.

6. Discussion & Business Arising –

- Short discussion about moving our meetings to the 1st Tuesday of the month beginning February 6, 2012. This may enable more members to attend, as Thursdays are not convenient for some. George to poll members in due course.
- Short discussion about moving our movie time to the 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning February 15, 2012. This may permit more members to attend, as Fridays are not convenient for some. George to poll members.

Any change would not begin until April 2012 as availability of space for the above changes must be confirmed by our partners at CHCC and CPC.

7. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at noon. (Moved by Pat Deibert, 2nd by Nelson Didulo. Carried).

- Kari Ward presented Abdul Shaikh and Manfred Hagen with *Vancouver 125 Awards* in recognition of their long and continuing dedication in time and effort to improving and enhancing Champlain Heights Community Centre. See photo attached.

Following the awards a light luncheon was served.

FRIDAY FLICKS...FREE MOVIES for Older Adults...SVSACS, Collingwood Policing Centre and Champlain Heights CC are again providing free movies shown at Champlain Heights CC on the **3rd Friday** of the month, **movie time is 1:30.**

Next movie: **Sense & Sensibility** January 20, 2012.

- At our Nov. 18 movie Const. Brown of CPC spoke about protecting yourself from purse snatching. Carry only personal necessities in your purse. Keep money, bankcards, drivers' license and keys out of sight in a separate wallet in your pocket.

Next meeting: **Jan. 19, 2012 10:30 am at Champlain Heights CC. 604-718-6575**

SVSACS PARTNERS are all working together to get a real Seniors Centre for you!

