



**Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts  
And Cultural Centre Society  
Meeting # 47  
Champlain Heights Community Centre  
Thursday Mar. 15, 2012 at 11:00AM  
[www.SVSACS.org](http://www.SVSACS.org) – 604-325-0163**

## **Minutes**

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Bert Massiah, Joan Wright, Pietro Cassano, Eddie So, Philip Mah, Des Burke, George Anderson, Tom Chin, Manfred Hagen, Donna Davies, Margaret Homonnay.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30 am.
2. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Manfred Hagen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Wright, carried.
3. Minutes of Meeting 46
4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 46 - Moved by Bert Massiah 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Davies, carried.
5. Reports:
  - **President:** In the past month Lorna met with the Everett Crawley Park Committee, Champlain Heights Community Centre Society and Killarney Community Centre Society. Lorna also attended a city-sponsored meeting March 7, 2012, regarding the bisecting of Killarney Park fields with bike paths. Lorna distributed copies of George's report on the meeting. If you are interested in a copy please contact George. The Bikeway will be discussed at the VFK CityPlan meeting March 22, 7:00 pm at Killarney Community Centre, Room 202. All are welcome.
  - Telephoned Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, asking if there was any reply to our application for a *Community Recreational Program Grant*. (See President's Report of Meeting 44, January 19, 2012). No news yet.
  - Announced that pledges of more than \$500,000.00 towards furnishings and amenities of the Seniors' Centre when constructed. Lorna contacted the office of MP Wai Young to inform her of these pledges and will also contact B.C. Ministers Kevin Falcon and Michael De Jong. (See President's Report of Meeting 46, February 16, 2012).
  - Reported that the survey as distributed by MP Young at Meeting 46 may not comply with Community Centre privacy regulations. Killarney CC staff prepared a survey that meets the regulations. The survey will be available (in English only) March 29. (See item 6 below).
  - **Treasurer:** Ms. Lorraine Huamali, of Huamali & Associates, CGA, reported through Lorna that our Application for Charitable Status has been approved by the Canada Revenue Agency. On and after April the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the Society can accept donations and issue Tax Receipts. Under CRA rules tax receipts cannot be issued for *in kind* donations. However, we can issue a cheque for such expenses and receive an equal amount back to comply with this rule. To qualify for a Tax Receipt donations must be \$20.00 or more. A special meeting of our executive will prepare details and responsibilities of the Society with respect to this item. We thank Lorraine and Aman for their significant time and effort in preparing this application.
  - **BC Budget 2012** – George made a brief presentation of some of the changes in the recent BC Budget and how the changes may impact seniors. His report is attached. George researched the Hydro rate increases for 2012 and 2013. His synopsis is at the end of page 2 of his 2012 BC Budget research. Also attached are the 2012 changes to both the federal and provincial income tax tables.

6. - **Multicultural Spring Fair Thursday March 29, 2012, 11:00 – 3:00 pm** at Champlain Heights CC. A free multi-cultural event with entertainment sponsored by SVNH HUB. SVSACS display and tables will be at the south end of the concourse. Lorna and George will set up beginning at 10:00 am. Eddie will stand ready to help with translation from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Philip will take over from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Margaret, Donna, Pietro, Des and Tom will be on duty as their schedules permit. SVSACS may handle the raffle. Sign up sheets and survey/questionnaire will be available. Joan will provide nametags and instructions re: raffle tickets.

- A UBC team may make a video of the event and festivities.

7. Motion to fund the cost of *CPR for Life* demonstration. George researched this subject and the two competing methods were discussed. SVSACS will sponsor the Vancouver Fire Dept. demonstration. The demo will be open to all. Members who attend will be asked to contribute \$5.00 each (non members \$10.00 each) to offset the cost, expected to be about \$150.00. George will contact Vancouver Fire for a firm cost. Our next meeting, April 19 2012, is the only date available this season. We must also book the Champlain Room at CHCC for the demo.

8. New Business – Notice and information about the **BC Seniors' Games** (Aug. 21 – 25 in Burnaby). Des Burke is coordinating some events - a poster is attached. Visit web site: [www.bcseniorgames.org](http://www.bcseniorgames.org)

9. Adjournment – moved by Donna Davies, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Des burke, meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Note: Our Society's annual year is April 1 to March 31. Membership Dues for 2013, \$5.00, will be solicited beginning March 1, 2012.

Other upcoming Events:

- **Earth Day** April 21, 2012 – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm - the event will be very low-key this year. The Park Board has 1000 trees on hand for planting. There will be displays provided by ParkLane Homes and Killarney Youth GreenTeam this year. Children's entertainment will be offered. Food services provided by Mr. Tubesteak. Joan Wright will explore the SVNH Youth Group involvement in future Earth days.

- **South Hill Festival** May 26, 2012 – SVNH may have a HUB display.

- **Champlain Heights Summer Fair** June 2, 2012 – SVSACS will again display. A call for volunteers to staff our table will be made at our April 19, 2012 meeting.

- **Seniors Week, June 4 to June 8, 2012.** SVNH is scheduling activities.

- **Seniors Games, August 21-25, 2012** in Burnaby. [www.bcseniorgames.org](http://www.bcseniorgames.org)

Next meeting: **10:30 am April 19, 2012**, Champlain Heights Community Centre

Next Movie: *The Help* 1:30 pm April 20, 2012, Champlain Heights CC

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