



Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts &  
Cultural Centre Society (Registered Charity)  
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Meeting # 56 held at  
Champlain Heights Community Centre  
Thursday April 18, 2013 at 10:30AM  
[www.SVSACS.org](http://www.SVSACS.org) – 604-325-0163 Messages  
**Our Goal: a Dedicated Seniors Centre**

### **Minutes**

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Bert Massiah, Manfred Hagen, Ramesh Kalia, Kamlesh Sethi, Joan Wright, Donna Davies, Des Burke, Mohinder Sidhu, Gail McKay, Pietro Cassano, Tom Chin, Sharon Tong, Pat Deibert, Keith Jacobson, Abdul Shaikh, Nelson Didulo.

1. Call to Order – at 10:35 am Lorna Gibbs in the Chair
2. Approval of Agenda - moved by Joan Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Des Burke, approved.
3. Minutes of Meeting 55 – No corrections.
4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 55 - moved by Bert Massiah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Wright, approved.
5. President Report

The Provincial Government has contributed \$1.3 million dollars towards a Seniors Centre and the City of Vancouver is in receipt of the money. The Centre will be an addition to Killarney CC. We assume this contribution will bring the total of monies to date to \$3.8 million; we are awaiting confirmation of this from Councillor Raymond Louie. Although this contribution is gratefully received and is encouraging, we are looking to our MP Wai Young to secure a more significant Federal contribution.

- An **All Candidates Meeting** has been arranged. See note below.
- Activities during the past month included:
  - Attended meetings at SVNH, Killarney Community Association, Champlain Heights Community Association.
  - Met with MP Wai Young about senior's issues and federal contribution to seniors centre.
  - Attended a Forum with Coalition of HandiDart Users and ATU about transportation. 37,000 requests for HandiDart went unfilled last year.
  - Spoke to candidates about the need for seniors housing, home care for seniors and persons with disabilities, transportation and the Seniors Centre.
  - SVSACS members should visit both Gabriel Yiu and Suzanne Anton's campaign offices. **NDP** campaign office is at 6945 Victoria Drive across the street from 7-11 Store **Liberal** campaign office is in Killarney Mall about three doors West of Killarney Market. Be sure to identify yourself as SVSACS Member and ask for more provincial funding for the Seniors' Centre.

- Earth Day is April 20 at Everett Crowley Park gates open at 11:00... Handout distributed.
- Transportation Forum is April 20<sup>th</sup> at Sunset CC 2:00 to 4:00...Handout distributed.
- BC Seniors' Guides in English and Punjabi were distributed to all Members.
- Mohinder, Kamlesh and Ramesh were recognized and thanked for hosting a Vaisakhi celebration and luncheon April 15, 2013 at SVNH. Well done!

## 6. Members Reports

Keith Jacobson spoke about the proposed seniors addition to Killarney. He reported that the city is seeking a contribution from the Federal Government, to top-up monies currently committed. This could only provide for a 7,500 sq. ft. addition that is totally inadequate. Our needs require a minimum 10,000 sq. ft. of new space with a separate elevator large enough to accommodate more than one wheel chair/motorized scooter. A new kitchen located within the Seniors Centre is also required. Air conditioning is a requisite as elders cannot withstand heat well which would render the upper floor unusable during summer months.

Joan Wright reported on SVNH/HUB and distributed a card with emergency numbers and a brief description of the Seniors HUB.

- Fact sheet on health care now available and may be found at CCPA web site.

[http://www.bcforum.ca/Resources/CCPA-BC-Seniors-Fact-Sheet\\_Health-Care.pdf](http://www.bcforum.ca/Resources/CCPA-BC-Seniors-Fact-Sheet_Health-Care.pdf)

- Lorna, Gail and Pat are to tour the new Research Centre for Hip Health and Mobility (CHHM) at the Vancouver General Hospital.

- SVNH is planning a Scooters Rodeo and Sock Hop for seniors. Transportation will be arranged from Champlain Heights CC.

- Caregivers Fair open to anyone providing unpaid care or support to a friend or a family member who is aging, ill, or living with a disability - Sunday May 5, 2013 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm at Cordula and Günter Paetzold Health Education Centre at the Jim Pattison Pavilion, Vancouver General Hospital 899 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver. Event is free but you must pre-register: 604-877-4650 or e-mail: [bulent.hasan@vch.ca](mailto:bulent.hasan@vch.ca)

Vancouver Chinese Family Caregiver Resource Presentations Wednesday, May 8, 2013 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Choi Hall - S.U.C.C.E.S.S. 28 W. Pender St., Vancouver To register in Chinese contact: 604-730-7641

## 7. SVSACS AGM Thursday May 23, 2013, 7:30 pm at Killarney Community Centre.

- Pat Deibert and George Grant will handle registration of eligible voting members.
- All are invited, but only paid-up members may vote.
- Keith Jacobson will oversee elections
- Joan Wright will purchase refreshments and Wendy and Jean will be available to assist with hospitality following AGM.
- Seniors Tea April 26, 2013 with Special Guest Mrs. Loreen Harper at the Golden Swan Restaurant. – This is expected to be well attended and a gala event.

## 8. Adjournment – at 11:45 a.m.

## Coming Events

**All Candidates Meeting** – May 1, 2013 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the South Vancouver Adult Day Centre 3076 E. 49<sup>th</sup> Vancouver (at Kerr St.).

**Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts& Cultural Centre Society Annual General Meeting Thursday May 23, 7:30 pm Killarney Community Centre in the Boardroom for Meeting and across the hall for Meet and Greet with refreshments following Meeting.**

Spring movies:

Wednesday May 1st - *Secret Life of Mrs. Beeton* - registration will open on Apr 17

Wednesday June 5th - *Life of Pi* - registration will open on May 22

*Shakespeare in Love* is to be rescheduled to the fall.

Saturday May 25, 2013 - South Hill Festival on Fraser Street - begins at noon.

## **Volunteers Needed for the following Special Event:**

**Participation at CHCC Summer Fair June 1, 2013. Members will be polled by phone and email... George will solicit volunteers to staff our display.**

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

