



**Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts
And Cultural Centre Society**

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Meeting # 62

Champlain Heights Community Centre

Thursday Feb. 20, 2014 at 10:30AM

www.SVSACS.org – 604-325-0163

Our Goal: a Dedicated Seniors Centre

Minutes

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Eddie So, Barbara Warner, Donna Davies, Manfred Hagen, Kamlesh Sethi, Jagjit Kaur Mann, Mohinder Sidhu, Pat Deibert, Roy & Margaret Wickland, Joan Wright, Gurdial Kang, Jagdish Johal, Philip Mah, Pietro Cassano, Tom Holmes, Abdul Shaikh, Keith Jacobson, Marlyn Guimond, Mabel Leung, Jeannie Furmanek (SVNH).

1. Call to Order – 10:00 am Lorna Gibbs in the chair
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Donna Davis, 2nd by Gurdial Kang, carried.
3. Minutes of Meeting 61 – No issues
4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 61 – moved by Barbara Warner, 2nd by Joan Wright, carried.
5. Reports - President – Lorna asked that members print the Agenda and Minutes and bring them to our meetings. The Secretary will deliver copies to SVHH for pickup by those members who attend events there. Seven copies only will be available at meetings for those without printers.

On Feb. 5, 2014 60 seniors went to City Hall to witness the City Finance Committee Chaired by Councillor Raymond Louie, augment city funding of the Seniors Addition at Killarney by \$1.2 million. Delegates who spoke in favour of the Motion were: Park Board Chair Niki Sharma, Commissioners Aaron Jasper and Melissa De Genova followed by Lorna Gibbs, Mohinder Sidhu and Mabel Leung (SVSACS); the motion was passed. The additional monies are from the 2013 operating budget surplus. Mayor Robinson had put forward a motion to that effect on Jan. 21, 2014 to expedite construction of the addition by earmarking funds from the 2013 operating budget surplus. Earlier in the month, on Jan. 7, 2014 MP Wai Young announced that the Federal Government would contribute \$2.5 million to the project. Monies promised by the three levels of government now total \$7.5 million. Lorna thanked SVNH and the Killarney Community Centre Society for providing the buses that transported supporters to City Hall.

6. Presentation by Jennifer Mitchell and Bill Johnston from the West Coast Railway Association. The WCRA is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to the preservation of the Heritage of the railways of B.C. Bill gave a history of the West Coast Railway Association, home of the Royal Hudson steam engine. The association operates the 12-acre West Coast Railway Heritage Park at Squamish and the 374 Pavilion located at Davie St. and Pacific Boulevard in Yaletown. WCRA has the largest collection of railway artifacts west of Montreal. Seniors may join the WCRA Society for as little as \$39.20/year. The Society meets at 7:30 pm on the last Thursday of each month at Confederation Park (120 N. Willingdon) in Burnaby. Membership includes many privileges including unlimited year round access to the Heritage Park in Squamish. The 374 Pavilion is free (donations accepted). Contact info: 604-681-4403 or www.wcra.org

WCRA also operate West Coast Rail Tours, a fully licensed Travel Agency located at #2,4529A Hastings St., Burnaby, BC. Contact info: 604-524-1011, www.westcoastrailtours.com

Jennifer gave an overview of Canadian (VIA Rail including Winnipeg-Churchill, Rocky Mountaineer,) and International rail tours available through them and distributed brochures with much interesting information about their tours. Bill gave a brief overview of Amtrak, the USA rail passenger system www.amtrak.com

7. Presentation/discussion by Jeannie Furmanek Program Coordinator of SVNH about the **Better at Home** program. **Better at Home** is recruiting volunteer drivers to provide rides for seniors with mobility issues living in the South Vancouver area. This program aims to keep seniors living in their own homes independently by providing friendly and courteous transportation that enhances quality of life. Fees will be determined on an ability to pay basis.

Qualifications and Requirements: 21 years of age or older with minimum five years driving experience; valid driver's licence, registration and auto insurance; provide a driver's abstract; own a reliable vehicle; respect and comply with South Vancouver Neighbourhood House's policies, procedures, code of ethics and conduct; attend program orientation and training; reliable and punctual; treat seniors with dignity and respect; sensitive to cultural diversity; must undergo a criminal record check. Drivers will be reimbursed for mileage

If you fit the above, and would like to make a difference in the lives of seniors in your community, contact **Jeannie Furmanek** at **604-324-6212** or jeannie@southvan.org

8. New Business – None.

9. Adjournment – 11:50 am, moved by Abdul Shaikh, 2nd by Barbara Warner, carried.

A reminder: 2013/2014 memberships (\$5.00) may be paid now.
SVSACS Memberships run from AGM to AGM.

March 1st, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm is the official opening of Suzanne Anton's Constituency Office. RSVP to 604-660-2035 or email contact@suzanneanton.ca

Next Luncheon/Movie: March 5th 2014: *Still Mine*. Luncheon reservations may be made Feb 19 thru Feb 26 - call CHCC 604-718-6575 to reserve.

Next meeting: March 20th 2014 10:30 am CHCC. Possible topic: *Personal Planning* – Representation Agreements and other legal information.

Spring Luncheon/Movies

April 2nd - *The Kings of Summer* – 2013 – 95 minutes – Comedy -

May 7th - *Midnight in Paris* – 2011 – 94 minutes – Comedy/Fantasy/Romance – PG13

June 4th - *Family Weekend* – 2013 – 96 Minutes - Comedy

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