



**Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts
And Cultural Centre Society
S-53479**

Meeting # 69

**Champlain Heights Community Centre
Wednesday January 15, 2015 at 10:00AM**

www.SVSACS.org – 604-325-0163

Our Goal: a Dedicated Seniors Centre

Minutes

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Ramesh Kalia, Mabel Leung, Nelson Didulo, Belen Domingo, Manfred Hagen, Des Burke, Mohinder Sidhu, Margaret Homonnay, Philip Mah, Eddy So, Bert and Barbara Massiah, Donna Davies, Barbara Warner, Gail McKay, Margaret Wickland.

1. Call to Order – 10:00 am - Lorna Gibbs in the chair

Approval of Agenda – moved by Nelson Didulo, 2nd by Donna Davies, carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 68 – moved by Des Burke, 2nd by Donna Davies, carried.

4. President's Report:

Parks and Recreation convened Four Workshops. These took place on the 13, 20, 24 and 27 November 2014 to gather input from organizations and stakeholders. Only one report (for the Nov. 13, 2014 Workshop) has been received to date.

Glen Stokes, representing Carscadden Architects, was contracted by the Parks Department to facilitate these meetings, record input from participants and incorporate requests into preliminary drawings for the Seniors Centre. At these meetings, Mr. Stokes made it clear that his contract would end on December 31st, 2014. He stated, at the last meeting, that he had two weeks of frantic work ahead of him.

Parks Dept. scheduled a meeting for December 18th to review the preliminary drawings with the Building Committee to review the preliminary drawings. That meeting was cancelled by Parks Dept. Another meeting was scheduled by the Parks Department for January 8th and then cancelled by Parks Department saying that the work was not complete.

We don't know if it is the Bridging Consultant's work that is incomplete and his contract has been extended to complete it, or if it is some other part of the work that is holding up the design review process. It's hard to believe that nothing has been done since November 27th but there has been no further information. This is disturbing.

The completion date for our 10,000 sq ft Seniors Centre remains 2018 but with luck, maybe sooner.

Members who wish to do so can send inquiries by email. Addresses are: Clr Louie clrlouie@vancouver.ca, Clr DeGenova clrdegenova@vancouver.ca, Park commissioners Coupar john.coupar@vancouver.ca, Shum erin.shum@vancouver.ca and MacKinnon stuart.mackinnon@vancouver.ca with copies to MP Young wai.young.a1@parl.gc.ca and MLA Anton suzanne.anton.mla@leg.bc.ca asking for an update of the Senior Centre Time Line.

5. Guest Speaker: Recognizing Abuse and How to Respond

Barbara Kirby, Regional Mentor, Vancouver BC Association of Community Response Networks, gave a presentation on *Recognizing Abuse and How to Respond*. Jessica Fiddler assisted Barbara. Each attendee received an information package.

- Go to: www.seniors.gc.ca and search for “Elder Abuse” or call 1-800-622-6232.
- Also go to www.neighboursfriendsandfamilies.ca for copies of *It's Not Right* brochures.
- Call 211. Web site: www.bc211.ca - 211 is a confidential, multilingual telephone service available in Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Squamish-Lillooet and Sunshine Coast Regional Districts. The line provides free information and referral to a full range of community, social, and government services, and operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

- A wealth of information was provided by the BC Association of Community Response Networks www.bccrns.ca

- Attached is *What You can Do* a four-page expansion of the subject covered by Barbara Kirby. A further 12 pages of information is available from our Secretary.

6. New Business – None

7. **Adjournment** – 12:01 pm - moved by Des Burke, 2nd by Nelson Didulo, carried.

Lorna reminded members to print the Agenda and Minutes and bring them to our meetings.

2015 Membership fees \$5.00 are now due.

February 4, 2015 Luncheon/Movie: *The Invisible Woman* Rated R. Drama/History, 111 min. Luncheon reservations begin Jan. 21 and close Jan 28, 2015. **Luncheon served at 11:30 am.** Reservation not required for the movie. Coffee/tea available. Movie start time 12:20

Next meeting: February 19, 2015 10:00 am at CHCC. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming events:

Saturday Feb 21, 2015 The Victoria Drive Business Association is sponsoring a Lion Dance to usher in the year of the Goat. Location: E. 41st and Victoria Drive. Time 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Wednesday Feb. 25th the South Vancouver Community Policing Centre is having a fundraising dinner/dance at the Pink Pearl Restaurant 1132 E. Hastings St. Doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$38.00 each. For more information contact them at 604-717-2940. South Vancouver Community Policing Centre has moved to 5435 Victoria Dr.

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

