



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

Meeting # 74

**Champlain Heights Community Centre
Wednesday June 18, 2015 at 10:00AM**

www.SVSACS.org – 604-325-0163

Our Goal: a Dedicated Seniors Centre

Minutes

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Mabel Leung, Barbara Warner, Beatrice Ho, Manfred Hagen, Wendy Emslander, Donna Davies, Philip Mah, Mohinder Sidhu, Nelson Didulo, Des Burke, Joan Wright, Pat Deibert, Margaret Homonnay, Gail McKay/

1. Call to Order – 10:04 am - Lorna Gibbs in the chair
2. Approval of Agenda - moved by Beatrice Ho, 2nd by Des Burke, carried.
3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 73 - moved by Nelson Didulo, 2nd by Joan Wright, carried.
4. Presidents Report – Lorna provided copies of her SVSACS report that will be presented to the Killarney Community Centre Society at their AGM June 23. The report is a synopsis SVSACS activity over the past 12 months. (Copy attached)
 - The Park Board wants complete control of the Seniors Addition at Killarney. They want the addition excluded from the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA). The six Community Centres re scheduled to meet with Vince Ready the weekend on June 20 to attempt to arbitrate a new JOA.
 - If arbitration fails there may be court action.
 - Need volunteers to help with the AGM to set up/take down, sign members in, etc. Wendy, Jean and Joan will take charge of hospitality. Lorna will send an email
 - Mohinder was a guest at a State Dinner hosted by Prime Minister Harper.
 - Pat, Beatrice, Margaret and Joan attended Isobel Mackenzie's conference on housing.
5. Pat Deibert reported on Seniors Housing and the recommendations put forward by Isobel Mackenzie, BC Seniors Advocate, titled *Seniors' Housing in BC - Affordable Appropriate, Available*. Full report at www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca (A synopsis of her report is attached). Three options for seniors needing assistance:
 - Live at home where a relative, friend or nurse provide necessary oversight and assistance
 - Live in an *Assisted Living* facility. Problem: these facilities can only provide two of six prescribed services. If a third service is required then the senior is forced into residential care
 - Live in *Residential Care*. May be the only option if three or more prescribed services are needed.
 - Ms Mackenzie has put forward 18 recommendations to improve housing of low-income seniors. She recommends changes to the SAFER program; create a Homeowner Expense

Deferral Account; Amend the Residential Tenancy Act and the Strata Property Act; Amend and consult with other groups with respect to those regulations affecting low-income seniors. See the synopsis attached for all recommendations Her full 70-page report is available at the web site above.

6. Adjournment at 11:35 am - moved by Des Burke, 2nd by Pat Deibert, carried.

Upcoming Events

Canada Day Celebration - June 30 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at South Vancouver Neighbourhood House - Call SVNH at 604-324-6212 to reserve your seat

Chinatown Canada Day Celebration - July 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Sunset Community Centre Canada Day Celebration - July 1, 12 - 4 p.m.

2015 BC Provincial Majors All-Stars Tournament - July 18 - 26 at Memorial South Park

Vancouver-Fraserview's third annual Constituency Picnic - August 8, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Bobolink Park

Hawaiian Luau Champlain Heights Community Centre Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. \$15.00 per person. Register at either Killarney CC or CHCC or Call 604-718-6575. Good food and entertainment.

BC Seniors Summer Games August 25 – August 30

Next Luncheon/Movie - Sept. 2, 2015 **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** (2015) PG, 122 min. Comedy, Drama. Luncheon registration is Aug. 19 – Aug. 26. Call 604-718-6575.

Next meeting: AGM Friday Sept. 11, 2015 7:00 pm Room 203 KCC. Everyone is welcome. Please note that only paid up members may vote.

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

