



Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts &
Cultural Centre Society (Registered Charity)
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Meeting # 57 held at
Champlain Heights Community Centre
Thursday June 20, 2013 at 10:30AM
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Our Goal: a Dedicated Seniors Centre

Minutes

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Manfred Hagen, Ramesh Kalia, Joan Wright, Mohinder Sidhu, Tom Chin, Sharon Tong, Pat Deibert, Keith Jacobson, Abdul Shaikh, Margaret Homonnay, Lucette Moody, Philip Mah, Wendy Emslander.

1. **Call to Order** – at 10:30 am Lorna Gibbs in the Chair
2. **Approval of Agenda** - moved by Pat Deibert, 2nd by Manfred Hagen, approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes** of Meeting 56 - moved by Joan Wright, 2nd by Philip Mah, approved.
4. **President's Report:**
 - Lucette Moody was welcomed as a new member.
 - Thanks to everyone for making our AGM on 23 May 2013 such a success. Bert Massiah and Keith Jacobson were elected Vice-Presidents and Philip Mah, Mohinder Sidhu, Wendy Emslander and Des Burke were elected Directors-at-Large. All positions are for two years through May 2015.
 - It is imperative that the Provincial Contribution (currently \$1.3 million) be increased to match the \$2.5 million the CoV has earmarked for the Centre. There is a danger that the Federal Government may feel they need only match the Provincial contribution. Society members are urged to write to the Hon. Suzanne Anton and to visit her office, located at the Killarney Market Shopping Centre¹, asking that the Provincial contribution be increased by \$1.2 million. Her Email Suzanne.anton.mla@leg.bc.ca. To be sure there is no confusion, those interested should also write MP Young at info@waiyoung.ca asking about the Federal Government contribution. Phone 604-775-5323 if you wish to make an appointment.
 - The Victoria Drive Business Improvement Association is having a cleanup June 23, 2013. MP Young may attend. Members who can are urged to gather at East 43rd & Victoria Drive to support our BIA and demonstrate our commitment to the community.

¹ *MLA Suzanne Anton's office is located upstairs in the offices formerly occupied by the Notary Public; use elevator directly in front of the Chinese Bakery*

- The Killarney Community Centre Society AGM is Tuesday, June 25 2013 at Killarney CC 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

- SVNH is holding a *Rooftop Fundraiser Party* Sept. 27, 2013. Live music, dancing, dinner and entertainment with draws and silent auction as well. Visit <http://www.southvan.org/news/> for more information. Due to funding shortfalls, we urge full support and ask you to promote the event in your spheres of influence. Posters will be sent to you soon.

6. Members Reports:

- Keith Jacobson reported on the introduction, by the Vancouver Park Board, of *OneCard* that allows purchasers to access 22 Community Centres and use pools, rinks and fitness centres without purchasing a membership in the Community Society co-managing the facility.

- Keith spoke of the disadvantage the Associations face when negotiating with the Park Board. The Board employs professional negotiators/Lawyers/Accountants while Community Centre negotiators are volunteers most of whom have full time jobs.

- *OneCard* is only one component of the new JOA under negotiation with the Park Board. The changes to the JOA demanded by the Park Board may impact community volunteerism and may lead to the demise of Community Centre Societies. Disadvantages of *OneCard* are not yet fully enumerated, but may seriously affect programs at Community Centres and increase costs to consumers.

- Keith urged all to write to the Mayor and Council and express your concern that major policy changes are being undertaken without public input or promised consultation. Email: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

- Joan Wright thanked Keith for his summary of the situation. She went on to say that many people in the general population were not well informed. She suggested a document be made available that would be easy to read and understand. Keith advised that there was a website: www.myvancouvercc.com with information bulletins and links to both Facebook and Twitter feeds.

- George Grant reported on the Champlain Heights Community Centre Summer Fair. He thanked all who volunteered their time on June 1, 2013. Ramesh and Kamlesh were particularly helpful in engaging those who stopped by our display. MLA Suzanne Anton came by and offered encouragement to our enterprise of a Seniors Centre addition at Killarney.

- George also made a brief report on the Mayor's *Engaged City task Force* 16-point summary. The 'engagement' appears to be 'top down'. There is no mention of existing neighbourhood groups who might be consulted. The full report may be found at: <http://www.mayorofvancouver.ca/engagedcity2013>.

However, George has prepared a more 'user friendly' synopsis of the 16 points. Email him at vfk-cp@hotmail.com if you wish a copy of the Reader's Digest version.

- Margaret Hommonay reported on the 3rd Annual Linking Seniors Workshop.

A précis of her report will be distributed at a future date.

- Pat Deibert spoke on Co-op Housing and the problems that may arise when current operating agreements with government expire. Subsidies may end, forcing current residents to find new accommodation. Agreements are unique to each Co-op and there is no universal template.

Possible addition information may be found at <http://www.chf.bc.ca/>

7. Fall Meeting/Movie Schedule:

Meeting dates: September 19, October 17 and November 21, 10:30 am at CHCC

Movie/Luncheons: September 4th - *Shakespeare in Love* - Reg. Aug 21 - Aug 28
October 2nd - *Lincoln* - Reg. Sept 18 – Sept 25
November 6th - *Hello Dolly* - Reg. Oct 23 – Oct 30
December 4th - *A Christmas Story* - Nov 20 – Nov 27

All movie/Luncheons at CHCC beginning at noon on dates noted.

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