



**Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts
And Cultural Centre Society**
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Meeting # 67
Champlain Heights Community Centre
Wednesday Oct. 8, 2014 at 10:00AM
www.SVSACS.org – 604-325-0163
Our Goal: a Dedicated Seniors Centre

Minutes

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Tom Chin, Ramesh Kalia, Sharon Tong, Mabel Leung, Margaret Homonnay, Nelson Didulo, Manfred Hagen, Eddie So, Barbara Warner, Wendy Emslander, Jean MacPherson, Serena Chu, Mary Wan, Beatrice Ho, Gail McKay, Barbara & Bert Massiah, Pat Deibert.

1. Call to Order – 10:00 am Lorna Gibbs in the chair
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Nelson Didulo, 2nd by Pat Deibert, carried.
3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 66 – moved by Margaret Homonnay, 2nd by Nelson Didulo, carried.

4. President's Report:

No workshop or speaker scheduled...this meeting will be dedicated to brainstorming and time to express opinions, receive reports and updates, strategize for all candidates meeting at Killarney CC. Sent 75 personal emails to candidates of all parties...had very few replies (copies attached). Even after the Province added \$1.2 million to their contribution, we were assured that the \$1.2 million approved Feb. 5 by CoV Finance Committee remained committed. However, The July 24, 2014 CMO memo from the City Manager to Council appears to remove the additional CoV funds from the equation.

Feasibility Study was done in 2009. Over the ensuing five years, these new needs were identified:

- larger elevator,
- commercial kitchen,
- multi-purpose/dining room suitable to seat 150 to dine AND serve as reception hall for concerts, performing arts and special events. This most important room will require soundproof dividers, good acoustics and sound system with wiring for lighting, microphones, and audio/video presentations. With dividers, the space will also be used for programming.
- separate washroom suitable for special needs,
- improved access for the frail and handicapped,

- roof-top deck or construction designed to allow for future finishing and addition of retractable roof if it cannot be provided immediately.

We must question candidates for Council and candidates for Parks Board about their commitment to Seniors Centre addition and their resolve to restore \$1.2 million so that a total of \$8.7 is available.

Some comments from members some are summarized below:

- Visited Kerrisdale Seniors Facility and got good information from them and other seniors' centre managers.
- Reviewed responses (tabulated) from surveys sent to community seniors who plan to use the new centre
- Now need amenities that were not identified in 2009.
- Need a main room that can be temporary divided so that three main language groups can meet and pursue concurrently their own cultural interests.
- Several members were unable to view the Sept 30, 2014 CoV council meeting. These meetings require Windows Media Player plug in.
- City intends to use the Design-Build process rather than Design-Bid-Build process preferred by SVSACS.
- Consultation still not forthcoming but we are confident that the Center will be built with most amenities we need.
- General discussion followed...accessibility most important...people with disability should comment on the design...(Wendy, Barb W., Tom, Barb M., Nelson commented) Members encouraged to write Letters to the Editor, email elected officials, etc.
- We must continue to engage all seniors organizations within the community.

[Video of CoV Council Mtg Sept 29, 2014](#) The portion dealing with the seniors centre is at 5 hours 15 minutes into video/recording but available only through Windows Media Player. These videos require Windows Media Player plug-in available at [Download Windows Media Player](#).

If you are able to access the video you can see the Clr Louie Q's to City Mgr:

- 1) why city staff clawing back money and
- 2) why start date 2016, and why no consultation

The City Mgr. answering query from Clr. Louie re Seniors addition at Killarney

City Mgr. Response: no claw back of funding...project budgeted at \$7.5 million, now three equal partners...no need now for the \$1.2 million...we are going for Design-Build...have Bridging Consultant...met with Park Board Mgr. and Mr. Ajula and Park Board staff two weeks ago...broad community consultation which is going to start imminently...bring back the whole plan to PB mgr and Ajula and if approved and will proceed with the consultation work with the project building committee established with Killarney...nature of facility will have Social Planning and Park Board and Library identify different constituency groups that would have an interest on the seniors side for what the new facility would be used for...construction date [of 2016 is] absolute last possible date to begin...contribution agreement almost in place...moving towards RFP for

Design-Build contract [and to] engage in public consultation...want to get it built as quickly as we can.

5. New Business – None

6. Adjournment – 11:30 am

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

2015 Membership fees \$5.00 are now due.

Important: There is an All Candidates meeting for those seeking election as **Park Board Commissioners** at Killarney Community Centre, 7:00 pm Thursday Oct 23, in Room 205.

All are urged to attend and hear Candidates outline their positions.

Next Movie: November 3, **ARGO** with Ben Affleck, Thriller, runs 120 minutes, rated R
Brunch reservation for Nov 3rd movie starts Oct 20th and close October 29th

Next meeting: November 5, 10:00 am at CHCC Speaker from COSCO on **Technology and Aging**.

Note change of start time to 10:00 am and move to Wednesday in the Upstairs Lounge Champlain Community Centre. We hope to revert to third Thursday of the month in 2015 for meetings and move luncheon/movie to 1st Wednesday of the month.

Attachments: Response to email queries sent to Candidates and text of email sent to them.

COMMUNITY FLU CLINICS

Killarney Community Centre: Room 203, November 5, 10:00 to 4:00, available for Seniors 65 and adults or children w/chronic illness or who live with someone who has chronic illness.

Champlain Community Centre, Upstairs Lounge area, November 21, 09:00 to 12:00 available for general public.

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

