

Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee Minutes

Present:

Chairperson – Councillor Steele
D. Darrell
S. Jahan-Chaudhary
Dr. B. Lalli
S. McIntosh
K. Noonan
P. Petrala
J. Schmalz
A. Sharma
A. Rutherglen
K. Weber

Absent:

Councillor B. Rasode
Councillor M. Martin
K. Bakshi
M. Cross
R. Cross
L. Lange
S. Match

Staff Present:

Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Seniors Coordinator,
CSC2, Community & Recreation Services
M. Drozda, RCMP Dist.2, Crime Prevention
Programs Coordinator
P. Leblanc, RCMP Dist.5, Crime Prevention
Programs Coordinator
S. Caley, RCMP Dist.5, Community Safety Officer
M. Starchuk, Surrey Fire Service
I. Mander, Manager, Library Read-Ability Services
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. It was Moved by P. Petrala
Seconded by S. McIntosh
That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &
Accessibility Committee meeting of February 14, 2013, be adopted.
Carried
2. The notes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of March 14, 2013, were received.

B. DELEGATION**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****1. New Horizons Grant**

A \$25,000 grant was received for the purchase of equipment for the hearing and visually impaired.

**2. Bed Bugs - Kay Noonan
(deferred from Feb 14, 2013)**

DEFERRED. Statistics are being collected.

It was noted that the efforts by the City Manager, City staff, BC Housing, and the firefighters are very appreciated and set a precedence for other communities in the region.

3. Mobile Outreach Initiative

The working group met and compiled a one page of information for the delivery format for the proposed mobile outreach. SAAC members will be representing the SAAC committee.

A package will be put together that has a one page fact sheet on services.

ACTION: Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn to send fact sheet to committee members.

4. City Seniors Strategic Planning process

The strategic planning process is a continuing process. It was noted that key people will be meeting today. A two hour workshop will be held at the next SAAC meeting, May 2, 2013, facilitated by Susan Papadionissiou Consulting.

5. Focus on Seniors forums

(a) Forum held March 16, 2013 – in Punjabi

The Punjabi Forum was well advertised. with 80 people attending; overall feedback was positive, noting that people are interested in health issues and the forums.

The Keynote Speaker, Jay Baines, Youth Coordinator, Dist.5, was very engaging and it was recommended he be invited to speak at future forums.

It was

Moved by S. Jahan-Chaudhary

Seconded by A. Sharma

That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee advise that no substitutions or changes will be made to the Agendas of the Focus on Seniors Forum without prior approval by the Deputy Chair, Jim Tyler or Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, coordinators of the Forums.

Carried

Dr.Lalli departed at 10:30 am.

(b) 2013 Forum Schedule:

- **Caregiver Forums** – Newton Recreation Centre
 - Saturday, April 13, 2013, 12:30 – 3:30 pm – presented in English
 - Sunday, April 14, 2013, 12:30 – 3:30 pm – presented in Punjabi
 - Topic – *Thriving Relationships: Creating Balance*
- **Saturday, April 20, 2013, 10:00 am** – presented in Korean - Fraser Heights Community Centre.
 - To be advertised in Korean papers

6. Aging in Place Conference Planning

Conference date Friday, May 31, 2013 at Fleetwood Community Centre

- Keynote speaker confirmed: Irve Rootman. He will also do a workshop on health.
- Chris Bolton, Lawyer, will provide a workshop.
- The Marketing Department is designing the posters and advertising in the newspapers.
- There will be no fee to attend. The Fleetwood seniors will provide the food. Last year there were 666 registrations.

7. A Roof Over My Head

- Friday, April 26, 2013, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Guildford Recreation Centre
- Friday, May 17, 2013, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm – Sunnyside Hall

8. Community Summit

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 1:00 pm at SFU City Centre

D. NEW BUSINESS**E. OTHER BUSINESS****1. Committee Member Updates**

Joyce Schmalz stated that the government housing subsidy has remained unchanged for years and accordingly the issue of housing subsidy for seniors and families should be addressed.

Kay Noonan, Sources provided the following comments:

- The bazaars will be held until June 2013.
- W-5 did an article on the cost of hospital parking noting that 100% of the Impact Parking \$48 fines go to Impact Parking not the Health Authority.
The daily parking fees of \$8 per day are a hardship for patients and their families, with some people are missing their appointments due to the cost of parking.

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**G. CORRESPONDENCE****H. INFORMATION ITEM****1. Sources Community Newsletter, Spring 2013 Edition.**

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2013.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by P. Petrala

Seconded by A. Sharma

That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 11:03 am.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Barbara Steele
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee