

# **Century House Association Activity Chairs Meeting**

## **Minutes for June 4, 2025**

10 a.m. at Century House

1. Call to Order 10:00

Anne noted that a member can challenge the Chair at any time by raising a Point of Order. The challenge must be on the current topic, and can't be about an earlier one.

2. Land acknowledgement (Tim)

3. Adoption of agenda (C. Campbell, K. Lynn)

4. Adoption of minutes from May meeting (B. Gordon, D. Tommila)

5. Treasurer's Report

- In the treasurer's absence, Tim summarized the brief report that was sent out with the agenda. Motion to receive report: T. Hicks, L. Bittner-Jobson

6. Executive Report

- Orientation –feedback: general agreement that it was worthwhile, with new attendee Michele Buttle finding it especially useful
- Seniors Week (see staff report)
- Sunday Opening Request - a formal letter has been sent to the city
- Strategic Plan and Survey – Tim reported that the main activity at this stage is the survey, which is getting a good response rate so far. We expect to bring the final report from this stage to the September meeting.
- Thrift & Craft Sale
  - Can't have too much signage and communications about dropoff times and what we accept [[see website here](#) ]
  - needs more volunteers; if interested contact Val MacDonald [macd-2@telus.net](mailto:macd-2@telus.net)

7. Standing Committee Reports:

- Bursary
  - Recent trivia contest raised \$400; next one in September (watch August Clarion)
  - Bursaries to be awarded soon at a school event
  - Will be reviewing process
  - Motion to receive: W. Hogg, K. Lynn
- Governance (full report attached)
  - The Committee has prepared a summary (also attached) of references to Activity Groups in the updated Handbook. In September the Committee will begin the work on the 2026 Annual General Meeting and on the Nominations process. Any CHA member who is not intending to be a 2026 candidate is invited to join the Governance Standing Committee in this important work.
- Events (Audrey Soroka)
  - Working with the city on Seniors Week:
    - Proper Geezer event is sold out
    - A wall of photos is now up, and will be for a month
    - The meal with Raj Singh
    - Birthday parties will be held in July and August (\$5 for members, but book early as they usually sell out quickly)
  - GSA Pride Hoedown will be Wed. Aug. 13 (free, but please register)
  - Planning to serve ice cream July 16 – watch the next Clarion
  - If you need a poster please contact [audrey.a.soroka@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.a.soroka@gmail.com)
- Communications (Trudi Hampel)
  - Working on a new member package
  - Clarion subcommittee needs volunteers
  - Approved promotional material via Lois Brassart for Notable 90s, Caregiving, and Peer Support.  
at the Resource Fair and later events, and obtained quotes for printing. These were subsequently funded by the CHA Executive
  - Set up a June 20 meeting with Parks & Rec. about future adjustments to the Clarion
  - Debbie Tommila of CH Singers noted that the current Clarion, referring to “The Century House Ukulele Musicians and Singers,” could have been read by some as indicating that the Ukulele group would be joined by the Century House Singers. Shirley Miller, for the Ukulele group, noted that the text was accurate because some of the ukulele people do indeed sing. However, that group hopes to become known henceforth as CHUMS, which is clearly distinct from the CH Singers.

#### 8. Staff Report (Silisha)

- Silisha advised that she is now Acting Manager and CHA's link to the City, until at least August. Her replacement will be named this week.
- New bike racks have been approved. One will replace the existing one on the right as you approach Century House; the other will replace a bush opposite the Bylaw office. We hope the bush will be re-homed.
- Planning is underway for the Fall Active Living Guide
- Seniors Week is off to a good start with:
  - A very successful "Rabbitat" with visiting rabbits
  - Aquafit 50+ sessions at tēmāsewtx™ (unfortunately scheduled on swim registration day) as well as busy drop ins, mah-jong, sketching, cooking programs
  - June 4 = A sold out event with Proper Geezer, Queensborough walk & social
- Coming up:
  - A community dinner on Thursday (sold out) – mayor will attend
  - Friday's Time4Change Town Hall 6:30–8:30, not sold out
  - Saturday's Resource Fair, with 35 tables and several speakers
  - June 25, the Mayor's State of the City talk, seniors version (see June Clarion)
- From June 16, the Darts and Childcare areas, and part of the Snooker space) will be closed for four weeks for repair work.
- Ingrid Hedin of Scrabble reported multiple occurrences Fridays at 2 p.m. of a smoker outside their room, with smoke and smell getting into the room from a place that should be part of Moody Park's no-smoking zone. City staff promised to deal with it if the group reports the next occurrence.

#### 9. Activity Group Highlights

- Conversational English would like help with excess demand; schedules are tailored to the individual facilitator. Contact Wanda Madakoro if interested.
- Ukulele (CHUMS) had a singalong recently. They will perform at the Thrift & Craft Sale June 14, and on June 18 for the Notable 90s
- Parkinsons group will have a guest speaker June 18 at 10 a.m., all welcome
- Dragons had a regatta in the rain; they improved their time from last year and moved up a division. Next event is in July at Harrison
- SET will have a table at the Resource Fair June 7
- Learning Garden will soon be selling plants & more; reviewing policy re how to sell – CH members only, or lawn bowlers and others?
- Walkers will do White Rock next, then Bowen Island
- Readers will take July & August off
- Mahjong – group is growing; teaching one new member, with another waiting
- Monday Line Dancing – off for the summer
- Tuesday Line Dancing – June 24 is last session; next is Sep. 2
- Players – recent performances went well; new members welcome; will meet twice more before July break, back in August
- Snooker awaiting upcoming shutdown; finished 4th out of 8 in recent tournament. They have now played in ten different seniors centres. They've had a second table re-covered this week.
- Squares – enjoyed the Hyack Parade, but might like their own music next year

10. Guest Speaker

- Guest speaker Jamie Rennie from the City
  - His group does all the maintenance at Century House
  - They bring in contractors as needed, or experts from other City units
  - Our rooms have occupancy sensors that start cooling the room as it fills; if some rooms are uncomfortable, they may be able to adjust its switching levels; it may even be possible to do that when rooms like ABC or Douglas/Fir are split up
  - He hopes to have a report for us within a month, and will come back in future if asked

11. Other Business

- Helen Chambers advised that city worker Jesse was injured on the job recently. The Executive voted to get a card and a box of chocolates. From the discussion of this, the executive will find out what liability insurance the CHA and the City have in place.

12. Inspirational Quote – Debbie Tommila

13. Next Meeting: **August 6**

14. Adjournment Motion: K. Lynn, M. Leppert

Attachments: Governance & Events reports