



LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 17, 2011

A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 5:32 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Hogan, Chair
Drew Dennis
Jim Deva
Frank Gillespie
Karen McVeigh
Mark Robins
Steven RodRozen
Barbara Snelgrove
Ron Stipp

ABSENT: Mette Bach (Leave of Absence)
Ryan Clayton, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Fatima Jaffer (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Council Liaison
Dana Walker, Social Policy Planner (Staff Liaison)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 18, 2010, and January 13, 2011, meetings were approved.

Leave of Absence Requests

The Committee approved Leave of Absence requests for Mette Bach, Ryan Clayton, and Fatima Jaffer.

1. Work Plan Updates
 - a) Subcommittee Updates

Creative Capital and Growing Economy - Barbara Snelgrove and Steven RodRozen provided an update on ongoing work regarding Vancouver 125 celebrations, 2011 OutGames and meetings with the Vancouver Pride Society and West End BIA (*report on file*).

Building Strong, Safe and Inclusive Communities - Drew Dennis and Metha Brown, UBC Planning student, provided an update on the building code review, civic forms, and video project. Members can email Mr. Dennis issues to be raised at the meeting with the City Manager. Karen McVeigh will forward information regarding Pink Triangle Committees.

Housing and Homelessness - Frank Gillespie and Dana Walker provided a brief update on housing and survey challenges. Metha Brown, UBC student, offered to forward additional housing data.

b) LGBTQ Advisory Committee Report of Activities to City Council

The Co-chair has the report outline and requested Subcommittees' worksheets. Staff Liaison will obtain the new target date for completion of the Committee's Report of Activities to Council.

2. North America Outgames

Pat Hogan and Barbara Snelgrove provided an update on Cultural Services funding and timelines related to the 2011 Outgames, Pride Parade, festival, and Human Rights Conference. The Committee discussed how to incorporate the North America Outgames into the Vancouver 125th Anniversary celebrations.

MOVED by Ron Stipp
SECONDED by Steven RodRozen

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee encourages a dialogue between the City of Vancouver, the North America Outgames and the Pride Society, to explore the possibility a joint launch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Steven RodRozen
SECONDED by Mark Robins

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee Co-Chairs draft a letter of support of the North America Outgames for funding from the 125th Anniversary Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Access and Inclusion Awards

Staff advised nominations for the Access and Inclusion Awards close April 12, 2011. The form to nominate individuals and groups making significant contributions in creating accessible and inclusive communities, is available at the EEO website:
http://vancouver.ca/eo/accessinclusion_awards.htm

4. Announcements

a) Events

The following upcoming events and announcements were communicated:

- BC Persons With Aids Society's name changed to *Positive Living BC*;
- March 18 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination event at City Hall;
- March 19 - Queer Dance community event at Let's Dance Studio at 8:45 pm;
- March 24 - Vancouver Outgames fundraiser from 5:00 - 7:30 pm at the Opus Hotel, for a seniors and youth Scholarship Fund to attend the Human Rights Conference in Vancouver;
- March 29 - BCWA 25th Anniversary includes silent auction and Shane Koyczan unveiling his poem at Terminal City Club;
- May 14 - Citizens' Police Academy, VPD, Spring class offered;
- Annual anti-bullying campaign in BC was held February 23, 2011;
- Annual Aids Walk Fundraiser reminder regarding parachute jump - date to be confirmed.

5. Motions

(a) Review Motions and Action Items

The 2011 Vancouver Pride Parade, Pride Week launch, OutGames planning and committee to be added to the next agenda.

6. Other Business

Updates on the Council of Council meeting, and non-official committee meetings, minute-taking and website changes were postponed to next meeting.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, April 14, 2011
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:53 pm

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