



CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 8, 2015

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee was held on October 8, 2015, at 5:37pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair
Francisco Barajas
Angela Brown
Nellie Cheng *
Kat Cureton
Fumiko Ito
Thanh Lam, Co-Chair
Paola Murillo *
Will Tao

ABSENT: Diego Cardona
Mita Naidu (Leave of Absence)
Jason Shabestari (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Fraser Ballantyne, School Board Liaison
Rajpal Kohli, Staff Liaison
Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

Leaves of absence were approved for Mita Naidu and Jason Shabestari.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Francisco Barajas
SECONDED by Thanh Lam

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee meeting of June 4, 2015, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Acknowledgement

The Co-Chair welcomed Ginger Gosnell-Myers, City Manager's Office, who shared with the Committee a formal acknowledgement of the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tseil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

Following the acknowledgement it was

MOVED by Kat Cureton
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee begin each meeting by acknowledging that the meeting is taking place on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh First Nations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee

Drew Dennis, Co-Chair, LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, provided an overview of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee's initiatives, and highlighted the Park Board's approval of gender neutral signs, the Vancouver School Board's approval of a transgender policy, the revitalization of Davie Village, and priority actions toward providing greater inclusivity.

Drew Dennis responded to questions from the group.

3. Engaged City Task Force Work

Tracy Vaughan, Corporate Communications, provided a presentation on the "Mayor's Engaged City Task Force Final Report", which outlines a vision for an engaged City, priority actions, recommended ideas for community action and tools to measure progress.

Ms. Vaughan led a discussion and responded to questions from the group, which included a brief presentation on the matter by Committee member Francisco Barajas. The discussion centered on the creation of more public, community and cultural spaces, and ideas on building a social and engaged community.

Note: The video on "Public Engagement - City of Vancouver", that was presented by Ms. Vaughan is available at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1xSrWgJrWc>

Following discussion it was

MOVED by Francisco Barajas
SECONDED by Angela Brown

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee create the following two (2) subcommittees:

- Public, Community and Cultural Spaces
- Engaged City

FURTHER THAT the following Cultural Communities Advisory Committee members be appointed to the Subcommittees:

- Francisco Barajas - Public, Community and Cultural Spaces
- Angela Brown - Public, Community and Cultural Spaces
- Kat Cureton - Engaged City
- Fumiko Ito - Engaged City

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Co-Chairs Demitri Douzenis and Thanh Lam agreed to coordinate the first Subcommittee meeting. It was mentioned that the members who were not present at the meeting will be asked to join one or both of the subcommittees.

Note: The Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force Final Report is available at the following link:

<http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/final-report-engaged-city-task-force-2014.pdf>

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The Committee recessed at 7:13 pm and reconvened at 7:27 pm.

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4. Best Practices / Community Agreement

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

5. Public Spaces Working Session

This item was included in the discussion under Item No. 3.

6. Sanctuary City Report

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the Sanctuary City movement, and advised of opportunities to provide feedback to Council at this stage of the draft report.

7. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Kat Cureton
SECONDED by Will Tao

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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Next Meeting:

DATE: November 26, 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall