



## CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

April 21, 2016

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 5:36 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair  
Angela Brown  
Diego Cardona  
Nellie Cheng\*  
Kat Cureton  
Fumiko Ito  
Paola Murillo\*  
Mita Naidu  
Will Tao

**ABSENT:** Francisco Barajas (Leave of Absence)  
Thanh Lam, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Jason Shebestari

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Park Board Liaison  
Rajpal Kohli, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Welcome

Co-Chair Douzenis welcomed members to the Committee and recognized the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kat Cureton  
SECONDED by Fumiko Ito

THAT Francisco Barajas and Thanh Lam be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Kat Cureton  
SECONDED by Mita Naidu

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee meeting of February 18, 2016, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Meeting Updates and Current Events

#### a) Council of Councils

Will Tao provided an update on the annual "Council of Councils" meeting that took place on March 30, 2016, which included information on effective meeting facilitation and follow up.

#### b) Persons with Disabilities

This item will be discussed under 3a.

#### c) Social Media Policy

This item will be discussed under 4a.

#### d) News Articles

The Committee agreed to share news updates at the beginning of each regular meeting.

MOVED by Kat Cureton  
SECONDED by Will Tao

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve a standing item on the agenda to share current events or relevant topics of interest to cultural communities in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Nellie Cheng absent for the vote)

#### e) Other Updates

Commissioner McKinnon provided an update on the Park Board meeting that took place on December 14, 2015, which included changes to the Leisure Access Program as well as an update on Park Board Caretaker Suites.

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*The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with item 3 following Item 1 as the next item of business. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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**3. Improving Group Dynamics**

**a) Persons with Disabilities Meeting**

Kat Cureton provided an update regarding the Engagement Subcommittee's meeting with the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, which included ideas on improving group dynamics.

**b) Expectations**

The Committee brought up areas of concern, appreciation and improvement regarding group dynamics, relationships and engagement.

**2. Community Agreement**

The group shared their thoughts and ideas on creating a safe, respectful and inclusive space, which will form the Committee's Community Agreement.

**4. Social Media**

**a) Social Media Policy Training**

Mita Naidu provided an update on the training and outlined the requirements for the Committee when engaging on behalf of the City on social media platforms.

**b) Raising Profile and Inciting Intelligent Discussion**

Mita Naidu provided an overview of a new subcommittee that will oversee the development of a social media strategy. This will be discussed more in depth at a future meeting.

**c) Community Information Source**

This item was discussed under 4a.

**d) Having a Voice on Issues Pertaining to the CCAC**

This item was discussed under 4b.

**5. Subcommittee Updates and Work Time**

**a) Engagement Subcommittee**

Kat Cureton provided an update on the subcommittee's role in the Engaged City Task Force's research into engaging underrepresented groups. Ms. Cureton noted that the feedback collected will be presented to Amanda Mitchell, Public Engagement Specialist, for input into the draft policy.

**b) Research Model and Project - Presentation and Approval**

This item was discussed under 5a.

**c) Spaces Subcommittee**

Will Tao provided an update on the research into public gathering spaces, and noted that the draft survey is nearing completion and will be presented to stakeholders when finalized.

Mita Naidu suggested that the subcommittee contact the Urban Aboriginals Peoples Advisory Committee for opportunities to engage and collaborate on this matter.

**6. Next Steps**

The Committee had a discussion regarding the group's involvement in events around the City, and noted that Diego Cardona will contact the Protocol Office to inquire about the participation process. In addition, Co-Chair Douzenis suggested that the group compile a listing of events within the City.

**7. New Business**

**a) Fresh Voices**

Diego Cardona provided an update on extending voting rights to permanent residents, which is an initiative of the Fresh Voices movement.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Angela Brown  
SECONDED by Mita Naidu

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Nellie Cheng and Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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**Next Meeting:**

DATE: May 26, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall