



CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 9, 2017

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 5:39 pm, in Committee Room 1, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Will Tao, Chair
Francisco Javier Barajas
Craig Busch
Thanh Lam
Paola Murillo
Natalia Terekhova, Vice-Chair
Fatimah Yasin
- ABSENT:** Nellie Cheng (Leave of Absence)
Serena Ko (Leave of Absence)
Brittney Sharma
Nicolas Slobinsky (Leave of Absence)
Hana Woldeyes (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Baldwin Wong, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects
Division, Staff Liaison
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

Welcome

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Will Tao
SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Nellie Cheng, Serena Ko, Nicolas Slobinsky and Hana Woldeyes, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Will Tao
SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held September 14, 2017, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Approval of 2018 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Will Tao
SECONDED by Thanh Lam

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve the 2018 meeting dates.

ALL THURSDAYS	Meeting Type	Meeting Room
January 11	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)
February 8	Working Session	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)
March 8	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)
April 12	Working Session	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)
May 10	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)
June 14	Working Session	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)
July 19	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)
September 20	Working Session	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)
October 18	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1 (3rd Floor, City Hall)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with item 3 as its next item of business. For ease of reference, the agenda items are minuted in chronological order.

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3. Spaces Project

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided an update regarding the motion, "Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver", which was passed by Council on October 31, 2017. Mr. Wong provided an overview on next steps and actions supporting reconciliation, which will include a public acknowledgement and formal apology forthcoming in 2018.

The link to the Administrative Report is available at:
<http://council.vancouver.ca/20171031/documents/rr1.pdf>

The Chair thanked members for creating the PowerPoint that was presented at the Council of Councils meeting held on October 12, 2017, which highlighted the Committee's 2017 accomplishments and future goals.

2. Speaker - History of Muslims in Canada

Imaad Ali, a guest speaker from the Muslim community, provided a presentation on the history of Muslims in Canada, noting that the first Canada Census in 1871 recorded the presence of thirteen Muslims. Mr. Ali also responded to questions.

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Following the guest speaker's presentation, the Chair and Staff Liaison provided updates.

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The Chair reviewed several projects of interest for the Committee to consider in the coming year. These included drafting a statement regarding temporary modular housing and participating in Islamic Heritage Month in October, 2018.

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the progress of the Spaces Survey, noting that about half of the submissions thus far have been completed. Mr. Wong also mentioned of a potential recruit, whom the Committee will be reaching out to for assistance with data compilation and analysis.

4. Voices of Vancouver

a) Panel Event

Fatimah Yasin provided an update on the Panel Event, and noted it's in the initial planning stages at the moment. It was also noted that a proposal will be available by the next meeting.

b) Brainstorming Actions/Events

The Committee discussed ideas on this matter, emphasizing that the activities planned be grass roots, youth-driven and youth-led, and to also focus on effective cross-cultural communication methods.

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Following Item 4, Councillor Adriane Carr announced that nominations are being accepted for the "Awards of Excellence" event, which will be presented at a ceremony on February 8, 2018.

For more information, visit: vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence

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5. Single-Use Items Reduction Strategy Presentation

Monica Kosmak, Project Manager, Solid Waste Strategic Services and Katie O'Callaghan, Communications Coordinator, Public Engagement, provided a presentation on the Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy. The Committee provided feedback on actions to educate, engage and consult with Vancouver's diverse communities and newcomers in developing this strategy.

Ms. Kosmak and Ms. O'Callaghan also responded to questions.

For more information, visit: <http://vancouver.ca/zerowaste>

6. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Will Tao
SECONDED by Natalia Terekhova

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, December 7 (Working Session)
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room 115
Main Floor, City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, January 11, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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