



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OCTOBER 30, 2013

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at 6:04 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PRESENT:

- Dr. Nancy Bell
- Noam Bendor
- Victoria Cruz Mendez
- Janice Douglas
- Joy Fan
- Sean February
- Alexander Gist
- Shirley Lei
- Iris Liu
- Yannis Nicolidakis
- Tasha Nijjar
- Mab Oloman
- Mike Inderjot Powar (Co-Chair)
- Mehak Sharma
- Drew Stewart
- Brianna Tang
- Samantha Truong (Co-Chair)
- John Adil Walker-Chagani
- Frank Yan (Co-Chair)
- Anna Zhang (Co-Chair)

ABSENT: Pablo Munoz

ALSO PRESENT:

- Councillor Andrea Reimer
- Commissioner Trevor Loke
- Steven Dang, Social Policy (Primary Staff Liaison)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Election of Chair or Co-Chairs, Vice-Chair and Treasurer

Following due process, Mike Powar, Samantha Truong, Frank Yan and Anna Zhang were elected as Co-Chairs of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2013 term. It was agreed the Co-Chairs will also manage the responsibilities of Treasurer.

Mike Powar and Samantha Truong assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

None.

1. Protocol and Housekeeping Matters

The following documents were distributed and reviewed:

- 2013 - 2014 Meeting Schedule
- 2013 Membership and Contact List

2. Work Item: Finalization of Group Agreement

The Committee discussed the Four Agreements and ideas for CYFAC Group Agreement document from the September 25, 2013, Orientation Session. It was agreed to include the four agreements below at the beginning of each Committee agenda:

- Speak your truth
- Experience discomfort
- Accept and expect non-closure
- Stay engaged

3. Request for Input: “citizenU - Over 2 U”

Spencer Rasmussen, Social Policy, provided a presentation regarding “citizenU”. More information is available at www.vancouveryouth/citizenU.

It was agreed to include follow up discussion on the next agenda for the next meeting, regarding what subsequently can be done to address racism, discrimination and bullying.

4. Park Board Updates

Commissioner Loke provided a welcome and introduction from the Park Board, and invited members to contact him regarding any specific initiatives and programs. During discussion and questions, Commissioner Loke and Councillor Reimer provided information about increasing accessibility of Park Board Facilities, capital spending and planning process, and Council priorities over the next year.

5. Council of Councils - November 14, 2013

Councillor Reimer provided an overview of the upcoming Council of Council meeting on November 14, 2013. The Chair or designate from each City of Vancouver Civic Agency is to provide a five minute presentation introducing the Committee and emerging issues. The Co-Chairs agreed to prepare slides for presentation at the meeting. It was noted slides should be submitted to the Staff Liaison by November 12, 2013.

6. Emerging issues for Vancouver Children, Youth and Families

Discussion by members regarding emerging and pressing issues from their diverse perspectives, including potential areas for further Committee investigation and work. Topics discussed included human rights, bullying, foster youth, aboriginal youth, housing, community planning, child care and healthy family life, and poverty.

Adjournment

MOVED by Alexander Gist
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meetings

Working Session:

DATE: Wednesday, December 18, 2013
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, City Hall

Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2014
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, City Hall

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