



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 5:43 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Yasmin Ali, Co-Chair
Janice Douglas
Joy Fan, Co-Chair
Aaron Leung
Iris Liu
Christy Lo
Tasha Nijjar*
Mab Oloman
Samantha Truong
Eric Wong
Wenyng Wu
Frank Yan
Joy Zhou, Co-Chair

ABSENT: Nico Cullen-McKnight (Leave of Absence)
Andrea Gatti
Lena Hozaima
Diamond Isinger (Leave of Absence)
Anthony Leo
Anna Zhang

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Patti Bacchus, School Board Liaison
Diana Guinn, Vancouver Public Library, Staff Liaison
Julie Innacone, Vancouver Public Library, Staff Liaison
Erica Mark, Parks & Recreation, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator
Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. **ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Attendance**

The Meeting Coordinator took attendance.

b) Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Joy Fan
SECONDED by Janice Douglas

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Diamond Isinger and Nico-Cullen-McKnight.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
(Tasha Nijjar absent for the vote)

c) Minutes of June 18, 2015, for Approval

MOVED by Frank Yan
SECONDED by Christy Lo

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on June 18, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasha Nijjar absent for the vote)

2. Presentation - Seaside Greenways Completion

Engineering staff from Active Transportation provided a presentation which included an interactive session on the Seaside Greenway Completion Project and the 10th Avenue Corridor Project. Staff responded to questions.

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The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to consider item 5 as its next item of business. For clarity the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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5. Support Letter for Bottle Water Ban in Schools

Aaron Leung provided an update on a student led initiative called Youth4Tap, which aims to replace old water fountains with new refillable water stations in schools. Discussion ensued regarding support for the initiative.

Following discussion it was

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Yasmin Ali

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee support the Youth4Tap initiative as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of 2016 Meeting Dates

The Committee will review regular and working session meeting dates for 2016 with the Meeting Coordinator, for approval at the next meeting.

4. Working Session Feedback

a) Budget 2016 Consultation

MOVED by Mab Oloman
SECONDED by Yasmin Ali

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee strike a working group to prepare a submission to the Province of British Columbia's Select Stand Committee on Finance and Government Services, in response to the Province's "Budget 2016 Consultation" call for submissions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasha Nijjar absent for the vote)

Trustee Patti Bacchus, Mab Oloman, Wenying Wu and Joy Zhou agreed to form the working group and prepare the letter. The deadline for submission to the Province is midnight Thursday, October 15, 2015.

b) General Expectations for the Committee

The Committee discussed improving email communications amongst members.

Following discussion it was

MOVED by Yasmin Ali
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee improve communications by providing clear descriptions in the email subject field. Sample descriptions agreed to are as follows:

- No reply necessary
- Do not reply - information only
- Please reply by [insert date here]
- Email approval required by [insert date here]

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasha Nijjar absent for the vote)

Diana Guinn, Staff Liaison, reminded the Committee that agenda items be submitted to the Meeting Coordinator at least one week in advance of a regular meeting, in order that the agenda be posted and distributed in a timely manner.

6. Filling of Committee Positions

The Meeting Coordinator responded to questions regarding filling vacancies on the Committee, noting the applications will be open later this fall. A link to the application form will be provided when available.

The Committee agreed to pursue strategies to recommend candidates to apply.

7. Sub-committee Creation / Individual Responsibilities

It was agreed to discuss sub-committees at the next meeting.

8. New Business

Commissioner Catherine Evans reported on the "Take Our Girls To Vote" campaign, which engages young girls to take part in the election process.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Joy Fan
SECONDED by Yasmin Ali

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasha Nijjar absent for the vote)

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 26, 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Third floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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