



LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES



JANUARY 10, 2013

A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 5:33 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni
Drew Dennis
Myriam Dumont
Michelle Fortin
Adeline Huynh
Dean Malone
Richard Overgaard
Barbara Snelgrove
Mike Soron
Ron Stipp
Patrick Tham

ABSENT: Metha Brown (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson, City of Vancouver
Trustee Cherie Payne, Vancouver School Board
Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board (*alternate*)
Dave Reiberger, Parks and Recreation (*Staff Liaison*)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

VARY AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item No. 1 as the first order of business. The minutes are recorded in chronological order.

1. Confirmation of Co-Chairs for 2013

MOVED by Ron Stipp
SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee elect Michelle Fortin and Dean Malone as Co-Chairs for 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings Michelle Fortin assumed the Chair.

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Leave of Absence Requests

There were no requests for Leaves of absence for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Barbara Snelgrove
SECONDED by Myriam Dumont

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 25, 2012, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Co-Chairs Report

No report.

3. Communications and Engagement

Richard Overgaard provided an update on Corporate Communications response to using social media (*brief on file*).

4. PRIDE 2013 Planning

In discussion, the Committee agreed to make planning for PRIDE 2013 events a priority and to set-up a working group with the following members:

PRIDE 2013 Working Group;

- Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni
- Michelle Fortin
- Richard Overgaard
- Barbara Snelgrove
- Patrick Tham

The working group will report back at the next regular meeting with action items.

5. Subcommittee Reports

a) Housing to Home

The Chair and Adeline Huynh provided a verbal update on outreach and next steps.

b) Davie Village Revitalization

Ron Stipp provided a verbal update on progress with the consultation process, noting stakeholders have expressed support for revitalization. Once the consultation process is completed, Mr. Stipp will bring an interim report before the Committee for consideration.

In discussion, suggestions included the following:

- Davie Street needs to be interactive;
- there needs to be more vibrancy;
- look at other cities such as Manchester, and London for ideas; and
- consider festivals that could include a “queer twist” as opposed to just having a presence at “queer festivals”.

c) Safe, Healthy and Engaged Communities

Mike Soron and Patrick Tham provided a verbal update on progress, noting Councillor Reimer, at a recent meeting, encouraged members to be event-focussed. Details of the next open meeting on January 20, 2013, will be communicated to members shortly.

d) TRANSformations: Building a More Inclusive Community

Drew Dennis provided a verbal update on progress, noting next steps will be to formalize a motion for the next working session in support of Commissioner Loke’s motion at Parks Board with regards to the Parks Board striking a Task Force that engages public consultation around issues of inclusion for trans and gender variant persons.

6. Committee Membership and Meeting Dates for 2013

The Chair referred to the schedule of 2013 Regular Meetings and Working Sessions, noting the working session on March 7, 2013, falls on the same evening as Dining Out For Life. The Committee agreed to hold the working session at one of the participating restaurants. The Co-Chairs will forward some options.

7. New Business

None.

Next Working Session Meeting:

DATE: February 7, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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