



MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 11, 2012

A meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 5:41 pm, in Committee Room #1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair
Waldo Brino
Jay Catalan
Nellie Cheng
Yvonne Chin
Paola Murillo*
Mita Naidu*
Azim Wazeer

ABSENT: Manjot Bains (Leave of Absence)
Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Jacky Essombe
Vivian Pan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar, Vancouver Park Board Liaison
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Vancouver Public Library Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Mita Naidu
SECONDED by Azim Wazeer

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approves leaves of absence for Manjot Bains, Demitri Douzenis and Vivian Pan for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Waldo Brino
SECONDED by Nellie Cheng

THAT the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting of April 10, 2012, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

1. The Vancouver Dialogues Project

Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair, provided an update on the Vancouver Dialogues Project and a proposed roundtable dialogue between the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) and Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee (UAPAC). The purpose of the roundtable dialogue include:

- Providing an overview of the 3 year Vancouver Dialogues Project;
- Report on possible next steps and upcoming projects in the works that may be of interest to both MAC and UAPAC;
- Discussion on the next phase of the Dialogues Project and working to better align with both Committee's work; and
- Discussion on how to enhance inter-community relations between the Aboriginal Community and the Multicultural Community.

The Committee discussed possible dates for the event to take place and agreed either Thursday, November 22 or 29, 2012, would be suitable. Waldo Brino, Jay Catalan, Nellie Cheng, Yvonne Chin, Paola Murillo and Mita Naidu expressed interest in attending the event.

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The Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with item 3 prior to item 2. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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2. Tentative Work Plan

a) Community dialogue proposal

Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair, provided an update on Proposed Dialogues on Multiculturalism, Inclusion and City Priorities which were based on various working sessions held by the Committee between April and July 2012. (*Distributed material on file.*)

MOVED by Azim Wazeer
SECONDED by Paolo Murillo

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee endorses the Proposed Dialogues on Multiculturalism, Inclusion and City Priorities as presented at the October 11, 2012, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Waldo and Jay's idea

Waldo Brino and Jay Catalan provided an update and expanded upon the ideas of the "Dialogues on Multiculturalism, Inclusion and City Priorities". (*Distributed material on file.*)

The Committee discussed challenges with out-of-date databases for multicultural communities and proposed the idea of a "Wiki" database that would be self-propelling, constantly changing and community lead. The idea of reaching out to smaller groups and providing promotional material to distribute or offer the option to sign up for a newsletter were also discussed.

MOVED by Jay Catalan
SECONDED by Waldo Brino

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee endorses the idea of the Community Mapping and Engagement Metrics proposal as presented at the October 11, 2012, meeting to be part of the workplan of the Multicultural Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD)

The Committee agreed to learn more about the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination before proceeding further. The Committee requested Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, get in contact with the Equal Employment Opportunity office to provide more information at a future meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee. Once more information on CMARD is received, ideas on how the Multicultural Advisory Committee can help and contribute to the cause can be generated.

3. Mayor's Citizens Engaged City Task Force

Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair, provided a brief update on the newly established Mayor's Citizens Engaged City Task Force.

The Committee discussed the importance of the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Mayor's Citizens Engaged City Task Force working collaboratively on the engagement issue.

Mr. Yan agreed to email Councillor Kerry Jang, Council Liaison, to request that the Mayor's Citizens Engaged City Task Force have at least one representative from MAC and also invite

Councillor Andrea Reimer to a future meeting of MAC and share and discuss the ideas of the Task Force with the Committee.

The Committee also discussed inviting the City's Public Engagement Team to a future meeting to present the initiatives that they have undertaken and are currently underway.

4. New Business

a) Subcommittees

The Committee discussed forming subcommittees.

MOVED by Azim Wazeer
SECONDED by Jay Catalan

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee forms the following Subcommittees:

- Community Mapping and Engagement Metrics
- Dialogues on Multiculturalism, Inclusion and City Priorities

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mita Naidu absent for the vote)

It was agreed that Waldo Brino and Jay Catalan would lead the Community Mapping and Engagement Metrics Subcommittee and Nellie Cheng and Miu Chung Yan would lead the Dialogues on Multiculturalism, Inclusion and City Priorities Subcommittee. Other committee members were encouraged to express their interest to join one or both subcommittees by emailing the leads of the respective subcommittees.

Adjournment

MOVED by Yvonne Chin
SECONDED by Nellie Cheng

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mita Naidu absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: November 8, 2012
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room #1
3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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