



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2017

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 5 pm, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tasia Alexis
Varun Banthia
Cathy Browne
Jacques Courteau
Mary-Jo Fetterly*
Chelsea Hitchen
Laura Mackenrot
Isla Robertson
Anita Rudolph*
Leonor Vlug

ABSENT: Kristina Baerg (Leave of Absence)
Zvonimir Basic (Leave of Absence)
Peter Brown (Leave of Absence)
Paul Gauthier (Sick Leave)
Jocelyn Maffin (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Robyn Newton, Social Policy and Projects,
Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Note: Following Roll Call members agreed to elect an Acting Chair as the first order of business.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee elect
Cathy Browne as Acting Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings, Cathy Browne assumed the Chair.

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Mary-Jo Fetterly
SECONDED by Jacques Courteau

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
approve leaves of absence for Kristina Baerg, Zvonimir
Basic, Peter Brown and Jocelyn Maffin for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Mary-Jo Fetterly

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee vary
the order of the agenda to deal with Item 3 next.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Note – for clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

3. People, Parks and Dogs

Erin Embley, Planner, Parks and Recreation, sought the Committee's feedback on draft recommendations from the People, Parks and Dogs Strategy (*guide distributed – on file*) and, along with Tate White, Planning Analyst, Parks and Recreation, responded to questions.

In discussion feedback included the following:

- accessible fencing for people with limited or no hand function;
- brail on all signage;
- adequate lighting along paths and surface material that is safe for persons with disabilities (i.e. wheelchair and cane users, visually impaired);
- accessible parking near off-leash sites; and
- accessible benches and restrooms.

Members also stressed the need for strong language around access for people with disabilities in the final strategy.

Staff advised that a final draft of the strategy will be presented to the Committee later in Spring. Members requested to see the draft in advance of the meeting.

For continuity, it was agreed that Tom Patch, Past Chair, should continue to represent this Committee at all upcoming consultation meetings on this matter. Mr. Patch, who was in attendance, so agreed.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Tasia Alexis
SECONDED by Varun Banthia

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting held January 12, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anita Rudolph absent for the vote)

Introductions

At this point in the proceedings the Acting Chair opened a roundtable introduction.

1. Orientation

This matter was postponed due to time constraints.

2. Committee Liaison Updates

Robyn Newton, Staff Liaison, provided an overview on the City's Social Infrastructure Plan and sought the Committee's feedback through the "disabled lens". In discussion, members requested more time to review the plan. The Staff Liaison will forward more information.

4. New Business

a) Current Sub-committees

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee re-enact the current Sub-committees until the next regular meeting on May 4, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mary-Jo Fetterly absent for the vote)

In discussion, members agreed to forward background material on the current Sub-committees to the new members for their information prior to the next meeting.

It was also suggested the Committee seek input from new members on future sub-committees.

b) Meeting Schedule

The Acting Chair proposed changes to the meeting schedule as follows:

- cancel the working session on April 6, 2017; and
- schedule a Special Meeting on April 6, 2017, to receive an update on a revised Rezoning Application for the Pearson-Dogwood site and propose recommendations.

In discussion, it was noted the Pearson-Dogwood rezoning application will likely go to public hearing before the Summer break or in early Fall leaving little time to provide input on the revised application.

Subsequently, the Committee agreed to the proposed changes to the meeting schedule and to distribute background information on the Pearson-Dogwood site to new members before the Special Meeting on April 6, 2017.

The Committee also agreed to schedule a working session before the Special Meeting on April 6, 2017, in order to provide an orientation to new members, and to change the time of all future meetings.

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

- A. THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee cancel the working session scheduled for April 6, 2017.
- B. THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee schedule a Special meeting on April 6, 2017, to receive an update on a revised Rezoning Application for the Pearson-Dogwood site and propose recommendations.
- C. THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee schedule a working session on March 30, 2017.
- D. THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee revise the start time of all future meetings to begin at 5:30 pm and end at 7:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mary-Jo Fetterly absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Varun Banthia
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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