



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 11, 2012

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 5:35 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Wendy Williams, Chair
Kamal Basra
Genesa Greening
Jake Hassel-Gren
Jarrah Hodge
Fiona McFarlane, Vice-Chair
Margarita Pinillos
Marion Smith
Julie Wong *

ABSENT: Krissy Darch (Leave of Absence)
Ingrid Kolsteren (Leave of Absence)
Bif Walker (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Dawkins, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services,
Staff Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Commissioner Niki Sharma, Park Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

Leaves of absence were approved for Krissy Darch, Ingrid Kolsteren and Bif Walker for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Jarrah Hodge
SECONDED by Jake Hassel-Gren

THAT the minutes of the September 11, 2012, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Julie Wong absent for the vote)

1. Women's Soccer World Cup - 2015

Carrie Serwetnyk, Publisher, Free Kick Magazine, provided a presentation on the Women's Soccer World Cup coming to Canada in 2015, and responded to questions.

Questions and comments included:

- The issue of underfunding in all sports in Canada;
- How to elevate awareness of the Women's Soccer World Cup in 2015;
- Raising gender equality issues in soccer using the World Cup as a starting point; and
- How can the Women's Advisory Committee help raise the profile of the Women's Soccer World Cup in 2015.

2. Update - Fire and Rescue Services

Genesa Greening provided an update on a meeting with Fire and Rescue Services noting issues on retention and gender need to be reviewed further.

Genesa Greening requested all questions on this matter be forwarded to her by the end of the year and she will set up a meeting in 2013 with Anne Nickerson, EEO, and the Vancouver Fire and Rescue Service Union.

3. 2013 Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed dates for Regular Meetings and agreed to the following:

Tuesday, February 5	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 16	Regular Meeting

Further review of the 2013 meeting schedule will take place at a future meeting.

4. International Women's Day

The Committee discussed ideas of hosting an International Women's Day event on March 8, 2013. Councillor Andrea Reimer agreed to work with Jarrah Hodge and Krissy Darch on the idea of having a stand up meet and greet reception for women staff at City Hall.

5. Remarkable Women Event

Commissioner Niki Sharma, Parks Board Liaison, provided an update on the Remarkable Women Event being held the evening of March 8, 2013, at Van Dusen Gardens. She noted the theme will be women who are champions of local food.

6. The Urban Music Association of Canada (UMAC)

The Committee received for information an email from the Urban Music Association of Canada.

7. Women's Christmas Fundraiser

The Committee received for information a letter from Chrysalis Society. Wendy Williams agreed to send out a thank you letter to the Chrysalis Society.

Cindy Crapper, Recreation Services Coordinator, Vancouver Park Board, informed the Committee that the Chrysalis Society could apply for subsidized Leisure Access Cards to gain access to recreational programs and services at no charge or reduced prices.

8. Committee Access to the Web and Social Media Resources

Postponed to a future working session.

9. Work Planning

Work Planning will take place at the working session being held on January 8, 2013.

10. New Business

(a) December 6 Monument - Vancouver Parks Board

Commissioner Niki Sharma provided an update on the recently approved Irish Immigrants Monument to be installed near the December 6 monument in Thornton Park.

(b) 2013 City Budget - Decision of December 11, 2012

The Committee discussed the 2013 City Budget that was passed December 11, 2012, at the Regular Council meeting. The Committee will discuss the 2013 Budget further at its working session in January 2013. It was noted that direction was given by Council to allocate \$5 million of the 2012 budget surplus to the City's childcare reserve, \$3 million will be dedicated to support improved sport facilities and funding for arts, and Social Grants will be increased by \$300,000.

(c) Conference - Violence Against Women December 1, 2012

Councillor Andrea Reimer, Marion Smith and Julie Wong were present at the Violence Against Women Conference held on December 1, 2012. The Committee agreed to invite the Vancouver Police Department to attend a future meeting.

(d) Vancouver School Board Liaison

Wendy Williams agreed to contact the Vancouver School Board with regards to having a new School Board liaison appointed to the Women's Advisory Committee.

Adjournment

MOVED by Jarrah Hodge
SECONDED by Kamal Basra

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2012
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Third
Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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