

WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 5, 2013

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 5:34 pm in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Williams, Chair
Kamal Basra
Krissy Darch
Genesa Greening
Jake Hassel-Gren
Jarrah Hodge
Ingrid Kolsteren
Fiona McFarlane, Vice-Chair*
Margarita Pinillos*
Marion Smith
Bif Walker
Julie Wong

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Dawkins, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services,
Staff Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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The Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with Item 4 first. For ease of reference, the Minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Marion Smith
SECONDED by Fiona McFarlane

THAT the Minutes of the December 11, 2012, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. City Task Force on Sex Trade and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation

Mary Clare Zak, Director, Social Policy, provided a presentation on the City's Task Force on Sex Trade and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation including: Report of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry background and overview of recommendations, specific recommendations directed to the City of Vancouver and their current status, and next steps. Ms. Zak noted that staff will be reporting back to Council on this matter in June of this year.

Ms. Zak introduced Lisa Gibson, Consultant, who is currently working together with the Social Policy Department on these issues.

The Chair also introduced invited guest Laura Holland who, along with the Committee members, provided feedback. Ms. Zak and Ms. Gibson also responded to questions.

Ms. Gibon discussed "A Healthy City for All", and the strategic directions being used to prevent sexual exploitation and to protect vulnerable adults and neighbourhoods affected by sex work.

The Chair agreed to contact the Vancouver Police Department to organize a presentation at the next regular Women's Advisory Committee meeting on April 16, 2013, to speak about the recommendations in the Report of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. She also agreed to contact the Co-Chairs of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee to inquire if they would be interested in making April 16th a joint meeting of the two Committees.

2. Update - February 14th Annual Women's Memorial March

Krissy Darch and Ingrid Kolsteren informed the Committee that the Annual Women's Memorial March begins at noon from Carnegie Centre (Main and Hastings).

3. One Billion Rising Campaign

Wendy Williams informed the Committee of events to take place February 14, 2013, regarding Eve Ensler's One Billion Rising campaign. It was noted that some of the One Billion Rising Campaigns are organized so not to conflict with the timing of the February 14th Annual Women's Memorial March.

4. International Women's Day (IWD)

A photo was taken of all the Committee members for the purpose of placing it on the information leaflet that the Committee plans to distribute at the IWD event with City staff on March 12, 2013.

Councillor Reimer informed the Committee that the City has funds allocated for an IWD event, however, it was given to the Parks Board for their 2013 event. As a result, invited guests and Committee members will need to bring their own food to the lunchtime event on March 12, 2013. It was noted that the Town Hall meeting room in City Hall is booked for that date and Jarrah Hodge will be the guest speaker. Councillor Reimer informed the Committee that in 2014 the allocated funds will go towards an event at City Hall which the Committee can organize.

At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Reimer also noted that the Parks Board has a newly established Committee that focuses on increasing women in sports and it is comprised of staff and Elected Officials. They also requested a liaison from the Women's Advisory Committee. Jake Hassel-Gren agreed to take on this role.

5. Planning Meeting - March 5, 2013

Wendy Williams discussed the working session to take place March 5, 2013.

6. Invitations for April 16, 2013

Wendy Williams agreed to ask the Vancouver Police Department to attend the April 16, 2013, regular meeting.

7. 2013 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Jarrah Hodge
SECONDED by Fiona McFarlane

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approves the remaining two regular meetings for 2013:

- September 10 - Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall
- November 12 - Committee Room 1, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Meetings to take place at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Transportation Update

None.

9. Women Transforming Cities

Wendy Williams noted that a PechaKucha Night partnered with Women Transforming Cities will be taking place on February 28, 2013, at the Vogue Theatre.

10. New Business

None.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room # 1

The Committee adjourned at 7:34 pm.