



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 7, 2015

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 5:38 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Miranda Mandarino, Chair
Erin Arnold
Terran Bell
Desaraigh Byers
Anastasia Gaisenok
Sharon Lau
Fiona McFarlane
Miriam Palacios
Erica Pinsky
Niki Sharma
Rhonda Sherwood, Vice-Chair
Julie Wong

ABSENT: Andrea Canales Figueroa (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

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The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order.

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Rhonda Sherwood
SECONDED by Julie Wong

THAT Andrea Canales Figueroa be granted a leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Introductions

The meeting commenced with roundtable introductions of Committee members and staff.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Following due process, the Women's Advisory Committee elected the following as Chair and Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2015:

Miranda Mandarino, Chair
Rhonda Sherwood, Vice Chair

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At this point in the proceedings Miranda Mandarino assumed the Chair.

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3. Committee Orientation - Roles and Relationships

Staff provided a brief overview on the Committee's role as a Civic Agency.

4. Women's Advisory Committee - Report of Activities for 2012-2014

Returning members spoke of their experiences as members on the previous Committee. They agreed to provide a presentation at the next working session on the 2012-2014 Report of Activities and provide guidance for future work.

Anastasia Gaisenok agreed to follow up on the past Committee's recommendation for 2015 being the Year of Women in Sport.

Committee members were asked to come to the next working session with ideas on potential areas of interest for the Committee.

5. Meeting Schedule for 2015

MOVED by Erica Pinsky
SECONDED by Erin Arnold

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the following schedule of meetings and working sessions:

ALL TUESDAYS		Meeting Room
April 7 - 5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1 (3 rd Floor, City Hall)
May 5 - 5:30 pm	Working Session	(not a public meeting)
June 2- 5:30 pm	Working Session	(not a public meeting)
July 14 - 5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1 (3 rd Floor, City Hall)
September - 5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1 (3 rd Floor, City Hall)
October 6 - 5:30 pm	Working Session	(not a public meeting)
November 10 - 5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Business Centre Meeting Room (2 nd Floor, City Hall)
December 8 - 5:30 pm	Working Session	(not a public meeting)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

a) Subcommittees

Anastasia Gaisenok proposed the idea of having a Young Women Subcommittee. The Committee agreed to discuss forming subcommittees at their next working session.

b) Living Wage for Families

Anastasia Gaisenok noted she received a request from the Living Wage for Families Campaign and agreed to forward it to the Chair for follow-up.

c) Up for Debate Campaign

Anastasia Gaisenok and Miriam Palacios discussed the Up for Debate Campaign. They noted the campaign is an alliance for women's rights. Members were requested to review the campaign platform and promote the event at the Vancouver Public Library, Alice MacKay Room, on April 11, 2015.

d) E-Mail Protocol

The Committee agreed to create a protocol for the distribution of e-mails at the next working session.

e) Film Event

Erica Pinsky discussed the possibility of the Committee hosting a screening of the film "The Mask You Live In".

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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