



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 15, 2016

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 5:39 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Miranda Mandarino, Chair
Erin Arnold
Terran Bell
Desaraigh Byers
Fiona McFarlane
Niki Sharma
Rhonda Sherwood, Vice-Chair
Julie Wong

ABSENT: Andrea Canalas Figueroa (Leave of Absence)
Lindsay Clark (Leave of Absence)
Anastasia Gaisenok (Leave of Absence)
Sharon Lau (Leave of Absence)
Miriam Palacios

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Deb Gale, Manager, HR Business Partnerships, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Acknowledgement

The Chair welcomed members and visiting UBC students to the meeting, and recognized the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

The Chair also acknowledged the safe space in which the meeting occurs.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Nicki Sharma
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT Andrea Canalas Figueroa, Lindsay Clark, Anastasia Gaisenok, and Sharen Lau be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Desaraigh Byers absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Rhonda Sherwood
SECONDED by Fiona McFarlane

THAT the Minutes of the January 12, 2016, Women's Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Desaraigh Byers absent for the vote)

1. Presentation - 10th Avenue Corridor Project Update

Dylan Passmore, Active Transportation, presented an update on the 10th Avenue Corridor Project, (VGH Precinct - 10th Avenue between Oak and Yukon), and responded to questions. He also reviewed timelines with regard to public consultation and invited the Committee to provide representation at the public open house to be held mid-April.

2. Updates from the Chair

Miranda Mandarino reviewed Committee responsibilities and expectations. She noted the recruitment process is underway to fill two member vacancies and that she will follow up with the Council Liaisons with regard to increasing Council representation on the Committee. She also provided updates with regards to potential collaboration with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee, Federation of Canadian Municipalities request to develop a toolkit for Women's Advisory Committees, and potential presentations by TransLink and Ellen Woodsworth.

3. Subcommittee Updates

a) Leadership

Rhonda Sherwood provided an update and noted a motion regarding gender equality is tentatively slated for a Council meeting in April.

b) Violence Against Women

Desaraigh Byers provided an update on a reconciliation event she attended.

c) Pay Equity

Niki Sharma provided an update and noted the Subcommittee is considering a name change to the Wage Gap Subcommittee. She advised members are researching 10 best strategies which will be reported to the Committee at large when available.

d) Young Women

A member of the Young Women Subcommittee provided an update and noted they are researching young women in transition and housing issues for young women.

**4. Motion to Support the South False Creek Seawall
-Active Transportation Policy Council Request**

The Chair advised the Active Transportation Policy Council had requested the Committee's support for a motion regarding the South False Creek Seawall.

Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Erin Arnold
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT the Womens' Advisory Committee supports the motion approved by the Active Transportation Policy Council at its meeting on November 18, 2015, regarding upgrades to South False Creek Seawall, and the recommended guiding principles as set out in the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Draft "Access to City Services Without Fear"
Policy meeting Update**

Terran Bell provided an update on a meeting she attended regarding the City's draft "Access to City Services Without Fear Policy". Following discussion, Ms. Bell agreed to follow up and report back on next steps.

6. Update on Gender Equality Strategy

Councillor Reimer circulated a motion entitled "Because It's 2016: Action on Gender Equality", which is slated for the Regular Council meeting on April 5, 2016.

Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Desaraigh Byers
SECONDED by Tarran Bell

THAT the Womens' Advisory Committee express its support to City Council regarding the motion to be moved by Councillor Reimer entitled "Because It's 2016: Action on Gender Equality", which is to be dealt with at the Regular Council meeting on April 5, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Events

- a) International Women's Day - 2017
- b) Women's History Month - October 2016
- c) Remarkable Women's Week

The Committee discussed options and preparations for the above-noted events. It was agreed to continue work on the Women's History Month event at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the cancellation of Remarkable Women Week. There was general agreement to explore ways to have it reinstated. The Chair advised she will follow up with the Park Board Liaison for an update and options to reinstate the event.

8. Action Item Updates

No additional action items noted.

9. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Rhonda Sherwood
SECONDED by Deseraigh Byers

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, May 10, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:40 pm.

* * * * *