



CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 26, 2015

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee was held on November 26, 2015, at 5:56 pm, in Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PRESENT: Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair
Angela Brown
Kat Cureton
Fumiko Ito
Paola Murillo
Mita Naidu
Will Tao

ABSENT: Francisco Barajas (Leave of Absence)
Diego Cardona
Nellie Cheng (Leave of Absence)
Thanh Lam (Leave of Absence)
Jason Shabestari

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs, Council Liaison
Rajpal Kohli, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

Welcome

Co-Chair Douzenis welcomed members to the Committee and recognized the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Angela Brown
SECONDED by Kat Cureton

THAT Francisco Barajas, Nellie Cheng and Thanh Lam be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Angela Brown
SECONDED by Kat Cureton

The Minutes of the meeting held on October 8, 2015, were approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA)

Charles Gauthier, President and CEO, Downtown Vancouver BIA, provided a presentation on the Re-Imagine Downtown Vancouver Report. He outlined the vision for downtown Vancouver in 2040, and its goals and objectives. Mr. Gauthier also responded to questions from the group.

Note: The Re-Imagine Downtown Vancouver Report is available at the following link:
<http://reimaginedowntown.com/report>

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The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with item 6 as its next item of business. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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6. New Business

a) Women's Advisory Committee

Fiona McFarlane and Miranda Mandarino, members of the Women's Advisory Committee, provided an overview of the Women's Advisory Committee's initiatives, goals and priorities, which centered on increase leadership, representation and participation of women and girls including increasing number of female firefighters and celebrating women.

Ms. McFarlane and Ms. Mandarino responded to questions from the group.

2. 2016 Meeting Schedule

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

MOVED by Mita Naidu

SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve the first regular meeting of 2016:

	Meeting Type	Meeting Room
February 11, 2016	Regular Meeting	Business Centre Meeting Room, (2nd Floor, City Hall)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further review of the 2016 meeting schedule will take place at a future meeting.

3. Best Practices / Community Agreements

Angela Brown provided an update in regard to creating a safe, respectful and inclusive space.

Ms. Brown provided additional notes regarding the topic. (*On file*).

Kat Cureton reminded of the Facebook group page for the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee, as a means to share and communicate ideas.

4. Sanctuary City Report

Councillor Geoff Meggs provided an update on the Sanctuary City initiative, and noted that a draft statement is being prepared for circulation to discussion groups for feedback and comment before the end of the year. Also discussed was a commitment to providing safe access to services regardless of residency status.

5. Subcommittee Updates

The following additional members agreed to be on the Engaged City Subcommittee:

- Thanh Lam
- Mita Naidu

The following additional members agreed to be on the Public, Community and Cultural Spaces:

- Councillor Geoff Meggs, Council Liaison
- Paola Murillo

Co-Chair Douzenis asked the Subcommittees to nominate a chair. Members who were not present will be expected to join a Subcommittee at a future meeting.

a) Public, Community and Cultural Spaces

Will Tao provided an update, and noted that feedback from interactive workshops that build on public spaces and community conversations will serve as research for best practices.

b) Engaged City

Kat Cureton provided an update, and noted that the majority of calls at the 3-1-1 Contact Service Centre are in English. She also expressed ideas to develop an engagement strategy that is tailored to the needs of new comers and new immigrants, including ways to improve and promote the 3-1-1 service to non-English speakers.

Ms. Cureton provided additional notes regarding the topic which were based on a recent meeting with Co-Chair Thanh Lam and the City's Public Engagement Specialist, Amanda Mitchell. (*On file*).

Adjournment

MOVED by Kat Cureton
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Next Meeting:

DATE: February 11, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, City Hall