



CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 18, 2016

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 5:39 pm, in Committee Room 1, 3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PRESENT: Thanh Lam, Co-Chair
Francisco Barajas
Angela Brown
Nellie Cheng
Diego Cardona
Kat Cureton
Fumiko Ito*
Mita Naidu

ABSENT: Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair (Sick Leave)
Paola Murillo (Leave of Absence)
Jason Shabestari
Will Tao (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs, Council Liaison
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Park Board Liaison
Rajpal Kohli, Staff Liaison
Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Welcome

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

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Francisco Barajas
SECONDED by Kat Cureton

THAT Paola Murillo and Will Tao be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Fumiko Ito absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Francisco Barajas
SECONDED by Kat Cureton

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee meeting of November 26, 2015, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Fumiko Ito absent for the vote)

1. 2016 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Francisco Barajas
SECONDED by Kat Cureton

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve the following schedule of meetings and working sessions:

ALL THURSDAYS	
February 18	Regular Meeting
March 3	Working Session
April 21	Regular Meeting
May 26	Regular Meeting
June 23	Working Session
July 14	Working Session
No meeting in August	
September 15	Working Session
October 13	Regular Meeting
November 3	Working Session
December 8	Regular Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Fumiko Ito absent for the vote)

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The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with item 5 as its next item of business. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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5. New Business

a) 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 in the City Clerk's Office).*

2. Access Without Fear Policy Update

Councillor Meggs and Staff Liaison Wong provided updates on the Access Without Fear Policy draft. It was noted that additional components are being added to the draft policy, including implementing a communication strategy. The Committee also discussed the policy feedback session that members attended recently.

3. Engagement and Public Spaces Subcommittee Updates

a) Engaged City Subcommittee

Amanda Mitchell, Public Engagement Specialist provided an update on the Engaged City Task Force's research into engaging underrepresented groups, and responded to questions from the Committee.

Ms. Mitchell provided additional notes regarding the topic. *(On file in the City Clerk's Office)*.

b) Public Spaces Subcommittee

The Subcommittee provided an update on public spaces and noted that a questionnaire is being developed, in order to establish an inventory of public gathering spaces available to support the needs of various cultural communities.

4. Information and Updates from Staff Liaison(s)

a) Vancouver Immigrant Partnership

Staff Liaison Wong provided an update on the Vancouver Immigration Partnership and along with Councillor Meggs and Ms. Mitchell, responded to questions from the group.

Mr. Wong provided additional notes regarding the topic. *(On file in the City Clerk's Office)*.

b) Raise Your Hand Against Racism Campaign

Staff Liaison Kohli, provided an overview of the campaign, and noted that there is an opportunity to participate in the event at City Hall on March 9th.

c) DiverseCity Initiative

Staff Liaison Wong provided an overview of the DiverseCity initiative, which encourages visible minorities and underrepresented groups to be involved in civic life and leadership roles. Mr. Wong also noted that DiverseCity offers an online governance training program available to qualified candidates who volunteer on the board.

d) Other

Commissioner McKinnon provided notes on the Park Board motions concerning refugees. *(On file in the City Clerk's Office)*.

Adjournment

MOVED by Thanh Lam
SECONDED by Francisco Barajas

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:21 pm.

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Next Meeting:

DATE: April 21, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, City Hall