



## CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

May 26, 2016

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee was held on May 26, 2016, at 5:40 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair  
Angela Brown  
Diego Cardona  
Nellie Cheng  
Kat Cureton  
Fumiko Ito  
Thanh Lam, Co-Chair  
Paola Murillo\*  
Will Tao

**ABSENT:** Francisco Barajas (Leave of Absence)  
Mita Naidu (Leave of Absence)  
Jason Shebestari

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Park Board Liaison  
Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Welcome

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

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kat Cureton  
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT Francisco Barajas and Mita Naidu be granted leaves of absences for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Paola Murillo  
SECONDED by Kat Cureton

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee meeting of April 21, 2016, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Presentation - Development in Chinatown

Melody Ma, a member of the Chinatown community, provided an overview of the ongoing development in Chinatown and its impact to the community and historic neighbourhood. Ms. Ma also discussed a particular rezoning application located in the Keefer Circle.

Ms. Ma then responded to questions from the Committee.

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*The Committee agreed to further discuss the matter under New Business, as an In-Camera Item.*

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### 2. Current Events

The Committee provided roundtable news updates relevant to the Committee, which centered around:

- Human Rights concerns happening with the Canada Border Services Agency
- Barrier Free BC
- Real Estate Racism
- Social Media Training
- Community Events

### 3. Information and Updates

This item was dealt with during discussion of item 2.

### 4. Community Agreement

The Committee finalized its Community Agreement.

MOVED by Angela Brown  
SECONDED by Thanh Lam

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee adopt the following principles and be willing to:

- i. Create a respectful, safe and inclusive environment for all to participate and engage fully;
- ii. Speak your truth and respect the truths of others in order to build trusting relationships among all members (we will engage a variety of communication strategies to do so);
- iii. Bring your entirety to the work of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee so that our passion and energy resonates in all of our contributions; and
- iv. Demonstrate our dedication and commitment by fully participating in this committee and being accountable to one another. This means respecting the meeting schedule by attending meetings (or requesting a leave of absence), being on time, responding to member communications in a timely fashion, and arriving at meetings prepared.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. Engagement and Public Spaces Subcommittee Updates

Thanh Lam thanked the Committee for their feedback regarding the research charter, and noted that the subcommittee will continue to advocate for effective research strategies in developing a proper engagement model for future projects. Ms. Lam also requested the Committee's support and active participation on this matter.

MOVED by Diego Cardona  
SECONDED by Angela Brown

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee (CCAC) adopt the informal research model the City is proposing, while advocating that further resources be devoted to support further data driven and thorough research into engaging underrepresented groups;

FURTHER THAT the CCAC provide recommendations for the City to adopt in their future engagement works, including an in-depth review of what kind of engagement strategies work best for the most underrepresented and under engaged residents of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee discussed their participation at various special events and noted ways to engage the public at events, such as the use of banners and wearing similar attire with approved logos.

It was also noted that the Protocol Office requires ample notice if the Committee will be participating at events as representatives of the City.

The Subcommittee provided an update on creating and cultivating space for Vancouver's Cultural Communities, and responded to questions from the group.

MOVED by Thanh Lam  
SECONDED by Diego Cordona

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee (CCAC) formally adopt the draft engagement plan and the draft cultural community spaces survey (collectively, the "Vancouver Cultural Community Spaces Crisis Project"), and give the subcommittee the authority to send this survey to organizations, allowing for final revisions by City staff.

FURTHER THAT the CCAC formally endorses the subcommittee to begin work on the Forum portion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. Fresh Voices Initiative

Postponed to the next meeting.

## 7. New Business

### a) Park Use by People and Dogs

Staff Liaison Baldwin Wong provided a brief overview on this matter, and noted that the Park Board will be gathering input into a strategy for park use by people and dogs. Mr. Wong also noted that there will be an opportunity for the Committee to provide feedback during the planning process, which will begin in June until the end of the year.

### b) In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Demitri Douzenis  
SECONDED by Kat Cureton

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [*disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*] of the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Adjournment

MOVED by Thanh Lam  
SECONDED by Fumiko Ito

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

## Next Meeting:

DATE: October 13, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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