



CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 8, 2016

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee was held on December 8, 2016, at 5:41 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair
Francisco Barajas
Nellie Cheng
Kat Cureton
Fumiko Ito
Paola Murillo
Will Tao

ABSENT: Angela Brown (Leave of Absence)
Diego Cardona
Thanh Lam, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Mita Naidu

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs, Council Liaison
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Park Board 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 Francisco Barajas
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Angela Brown and Thanh Lam, for the December 8, 2016, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Nellie Cheng
SECONDED by Kat Cureton

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee meeting held May 26, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Approval of January and February 2017 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Francisco Barajas
SECONDED by Will Tao

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve the 2017 meeting dates that occur prior to March 1, 2017:

ALL THURSDAYS	Meeting Type	Meeting Room
January 19	Working Session	Committee Room 1, (3 rd Floor, City Hall)
February 16	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1, (3 rd Floor, City Hall)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Current Events

The Committee provided updates on current events, and noted that an anti-racism rally is taking place on December 11, 2016, at the Brighthouse Canada Line station in Richmond.

Councillor Meggs also responded to questions.

3. Information and Updates

This item was discussed under 2.

4. Staff Liaison Updates

Commissioner McKinnon provided an update and noted that the Park Board approved the "Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy". He also noted the 2017 Operating and Capital Budget was approved, and provided an update regarding the new Joint Operating Agreement between the Park Board and Community Centre Associations, which is to take effect on June 1, 2017, if approved.

Councillor Meggs noted that a motion regarding "Action to Speed Refugee Arrivals" will be on the agenda for the Regular Council meeting on December 13, 2016. Councillor Meggs also

provided an update regarding the settlement experience of Syrian refugees, and also commented on the policing, safety and security of residents regardless of status or residency.

Staff Liaison Rajpal Kohli provided an update on the Trans* Gender Variant and Two-Spirit Inclusion action plan, and noted that staff are currently focusing on Quick Starts.

Quick Starts is noted in Table 1 of the Administrative Report dated June 8, 2016, entitled "Supporting Trans* Equality and an Inclusive Vancouver", and is available at the following link: <http://council.vancouver.ca/20160713/documents/cfsc6.pdf>

Ms. Kohli also noted that staff will be working with the Women's Advisory Committee to establish a process for reviewing and updating the 2005 Gender Equality Strategy.

5. Subcommittee Updates

a) Spaces

Will Tao provided an update on this matter, and thanked Nellie Cheng and Francisco Barajas for their work on the draft Spaces survey. Mr. Tao also noted they are looking into an engagement strategy to draw interest to the survey.

b) Engagement

Kat Cureton provided an update on the engagement strategy document, and noted that she and Thanh Lam are finalizing the recommendations.

6. Next Steps - Working Sessions in January and February

The Committee discussed their upcoming working sessions, and explored ways to establish a list of individuals and organizations interested in completing the Spaces survey. Councillor Meggs suggested that Amanda Mitchell, Public Engagement Specialist be contacted to assist with this process.

7. Recommendations for Next Committee

The Committee reviewed their accomplishments and, moving forward, shared ideas and offered suggestions for topics, priorities, projects, and format and delivery, for the new Committee.

Suggestions included:

- Establish Working Guidelines and Community Agreements
- Define "Culture" for the purpose of the Culture Communities Advisory Committee
- Develop a social media presence and create a Facebook page
- Continue to support projects such as "Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainability"

8. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Nellie Cheng
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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