



## CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

July 20, 2017

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 5:45 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Will Tao, Chair  
Craig Busch  
Nellie Cheng  
Serena Ko  
Thanh Lam  
Paola Murillo\*  
Nicolas Slobinsky  
Natalia Terekhova, Vice-Chair  
Fatimah Yasin

**ABSENT:** Francisco Barajas (Leave of Absence)  
Brittney Sharma  
Hana Woldeyes

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rajpal Kohli, Advisor, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Staff Liaison  
Baldwin Wong, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects Division, Staff Liaison

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

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### Welcome

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Thanh Lam  
SECONDED by Serena Ko

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve a Leave of Absence for Francisco Barajas for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Craig Busch  
SECONDED by Nicolas Slobinsky

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee meeting of May 25, 2017, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs

Following due process, Will Tao was elected Chair and Natalia Terekhova was elected Vice-Chair, for the term ending November 4, 2018.

### 2. Committee Updates

#### a) Civic Asset Naming Committee

Nellie Cheng provided a brief update on the naming of new streets, and noted two potential names for a street dedication adjacent to Graveley Street, near VPD headquarters. Input is being obtained from emergency services and VPD regarding the proposed names. Other naming opportunities included future new streets in the areas of the Pearson Dogwood/ Langara Gardens and St. Paul's/ False Creek Flats redevelopments. In addition, Ms. Cheng also noted that an inventory of the City's assets for naming opportunities is being developed as a step towards the creation of a policy for corporate naming rights.

Ms. Cheng thanked the Committee for allowing her to participate on the Civic Asset Naming Committee.

#### b) Advisory Committee Chairs Meeting

Vice-Chair Terekhova provided an update on the Chairs Meeting and noted items discussed, including meeting procedures and protocols, and collaboration between committees.

Chair Tao noted that many other Committees expressed an interest to meet with the CCAC to discuss matters related to spaces, access without fear and intersectionality with a cultural lens. The Chair also noted there will be a Council of Councils meeting on October 12.

#### c) News and Information

Thanh Lam noted that Legal Aid BC will no longer be providing support services for immigration and refugee cases due to lack of funding to keep up with increased demand.

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, also noted that more funding from the federal government is needed to ensure continued legal aid services for immigrants and refugees.

Paola Murillo noted the Carnaval del Sol event was a success and drew 100,000 people this year. Ms. Murillo also emphasized that spaces in the city are of the essence in bringing communities together and creating cultural connections.

### **3. Spaces Project Update**

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the draft Spaces Survey, and asked the Committee to send any feedback to him as soon as possible, including editing content if necessary, and to identify the groups and organizations the survey should be sent to. It was noted that it will fall on the Committee to analyze the results of the survey after the Public Engagement office compiles the data.

### **4. Cultural Community Engagement Resources Project**

Thanh Lam reflected on a previous engagement project and commented on various effective engagement approaches such as hosting community dialogues geared towards ethno-cultural groups.

The Committee discussed the issues and challenges that newcomers face, and explored ways to engage and connect newcomers that will result in positive experiences. Suggestions included hosting small dinner gatherings and setting up a buddy system such as the "Cultural Buddy" program.

### **5. Cultural Communities Resource/ Roadmap**

The Chair provided an overview on this topic, and in discussion, the Committee shared their knowledge, experiences and views on creating a cultural communities resource for the City, and mapped out their plan of action to achieve this goal.

In addition, the Committee asked whether there is a web platform tool for managing projects/ documents that is available to advisory committees. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to follow up with the Deputy City Clerk in this regard.

### **6. New Business**

#### **a) Summer Social Planning**

The Chair noted that a social will be planned for September.

#### **b) Islamophobia**

It was noted that the Committee will be inviting a guest speaker to present on this matter.

c) **Setting Agenda for Guest Speakers**

The Chair commented on the facilitation of guest speakers and presenters, and noted that Committee members will have an opportunity to take a lead role on this.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Serena Ko  
SECONDED by Craig Busch

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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