



CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 14, 2017

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 5:46 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Will Tao, Chair
Francisco Javier Barajas
Craig Busch
Serena Ko
Brittney Sharma
Natalia Terekhova, Vice-Chair
Fatimah Yasin
Hana Woldeyes

ABSENT: Nellie Cheng (Leave of Absence)
Thanh Lam (Leave of Absence)
Paola Murillo (Leave of Absence)
Nicolas Slobinsky (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Park Board Liaison
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

Welcome

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

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Francisco Javier Barajas
SECONDED by Serena Ko

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Nellie Cheng, Thanh Lam, Paola Murillo and Nicolas Slobinsky, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Will Tao

SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the Minutes of the regular meeting held July 20, 2017, and the special meeting held August 25, 2017, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. CCAC Capacity Building Corner - Speaker re: Islamophobia

The Committee discussed initiatives for capacity building, which included reaching out to other advisory committees to discuss partnership opportunities, and utilizing social and news media to target key messages. The Committee also reviewed its poster content for the upcoming Council of Councils meeting on October 12, and will include their recent statement release and spaces project update in their presentation.

It was noted there will be a workshop planned to educate on the history of Islam and gain a better understanding of Muslim and Jewish communities in Vancouver. Rajpal Kohli, Staff Liaison, noted there is a workshop on "Impacts of Residential Schools and Colonization" on October 24, and to let her know if interested in attending. In addition, the Chair mentioned he will be following up with City staff on setting up a social media training session for Committee members.

2. Spaces Project

The Spaces subcommittee provided an update on the project, and noted the survey was sent out to 60 cultural community groups, ranging from small ethno-cultural groups seeking space to more established cultural community groups with space and resources to provide. The Committee is in the process of following up with each of these groups and preparing for a collaborative forum.

3. Special Meeting - Recap of Motion/ Press Release

The Committee reviewed their recent release of a statement condemning the anti-immigrant, anti-Semitic, and Islamophobic protests, violence and vitriol; and expressed their motivation to focus on community-building efforts and initiatives, such as the "Voices of Vancouver" project.

4. Voices of Vancouver - Brainstorming

The Committee brainstormed ideas on implementing the "Voices of Vancouver" project, which seeks to attain three goals: Empower, Educate and Hear/Share voices.

5. Committee Framework Building

This item was included in the discussion under Item 2.

6. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Serena Ko

SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, October 12, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 9, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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