



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 27, 2014

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 6:17 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

- Dr. Nancy Bell
- Noam Bendor
- Victoria Cruz Mendez
- Janice Douglas
- Joy Fan
- Alexander Gist
- Shirley Lei
- Iris Liu
- Yannis Nicolidakis
- Tasha Nijjar
- Mab Oloman
- Mike Inderjot Powar, Co-Chair
- Mehak Sharma
- Brianna Tang
- John Adil Walker-Chagani
- Frank Yan, Co-Chair
- Anna Zhang, Co-Chair

ABSENT:

- Pablo Munoz (Leave of Absence)
- Drew Stewart (Leave of Absence)
- Samantha Truong, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

- Nicola Sharp, Social Policy
- Elizabeth Taron, Vancouver Public Library
- Ivy Vuu, Community Youth Worker

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Frank Yan
SECONDED by Alexander Gist

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Pablo Munoz, Drew Stewart and Samantha Truong, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Alexander Gist
SECONDED by Janice Douglas

THAT the minutes of the October 30, 2013, Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee agreed to vary agenda in order to deal with item 2 first. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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1. Updates from Members

Based on the proposed sub-committee topics, committee members shared their main areas of focus, which included:

- Families
- Mental Health System
- Sanctuary City Initiative
- Housing
- Inclusion
- Affordability/Debt
- Youth Engagement
- Poverty
- CIC Funding Cuts
- Livability
- Advocacy
- Job Availability
- Anti-bullying Movement
- Canadian Autism Network
- Economy Growth
- Child Care

2. Presentation: Society for Children and youth of BC & Youth Friendly Toolkit

Anique Ross, Child and Youth Friendly Communities Manager, gave a brief overview of the Society for Children and Youth of BC and provided a presentation on the Child and Youth Friendly Communities of BC as well as the Youth Friendly Toolkit. Objectives of these initiatives include:

- Developing a climate in BC communities that respect children's rights,
- Meeting children's need for safe, healthy communities that allow children to thrive, and
- Involving children and youth actively in creating their community's future.

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The Committee agreed to vary agenda in order to deal with item 4 next. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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3. Discussion: Letter of Support for the Fresh Voices Committee's Make it Count Recommendations

It was agreed that the letter of support for the Fresh Voices Committee's Make it Count Recommendations will be assigned to one of the new sub-committees at a later date.

4. Formation of Sub-Committees

The committee broke up into groups to discuss the following topics of interest raised at the previous Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting:

- Families
- Youth Engagement
- Community
- Health
- Jobs/Employment

The above five topics are the proposed sub-committee groups. Please email Mike Powar to let him know which sub-committee(s) you are interested in participating in.

5. Schedule Working Session

The Committee agreed that the next working session will be Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Adjournment

MOVED by Frank Yan
SECONDED by Iris Liu

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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Next Meetings:

Working Session:

DATE: April 3, 2014
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Business Centre, Second Floor, City Hall

Regular Meeting:

DATE: May 22, 2014
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

Prep Session for Regular Meeting (Younger Members):

DATE: May 20, 2014
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall