



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, April 14, 2016

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) was held on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:35 pm, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Yasmin Ali, Chair
Nico Cullen-McKnight
Janice Douglas
Joy Fan
Lena Hozaima*
Aaron Leung, Vice-Chair
Iris Liu
Christy Lo*
Tasha Nijjar*
Mab Oloman
Samantha Truong*
Wenying Wu
Frank Yan
Anna Zhang*
Joy Zhou

ABSENT: Eric Wong (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Catherine Evans, Vancouver Park Board
Julie Iannacone, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Janice Douglas
SECONDED by Frank Yan

THAT Eric Wong be granted a Leave of Absence for the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Lena Hozaima and Tasha Nijjar absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Frank Yan
SECONDED by Joy Zhou

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on February 18, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Lena Hozaima and Tasha Nijjar absent for the vote)

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Aaron Leung

THAT Item 6 be dealt with following the completion of Item 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Note: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

1. Long Range Facilities Plan

Amanda Gibbs, Principal, Public Assembly and Kelly Isford-Saxon, Manager of Planning, Vancouver School Board, provided a presentation on this matter and responded to questions.

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee form an Education Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to the Minister of Education, Vancouver MLAs, and Board Trustees, regarding the budget deficit and Long Range Facilities Plan no later than April 28, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Future City and Committee Projects

Robyn Newton, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects, provided an overview of the City's Healthy City Strategy and noted current and upcoming projects associated with the initiative.

6. Election of Chairs

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, terms to end February 28, 2017.

Subsequently, the following members were elected by acclamation:

- Yasmin Ali, Chair
- Aaron Leung, Vice-Chair

The following members expressed interest in learning more about the role of Chair, and were designated as Junior Chairs:

- Joy Fan
- Christy Lo
- Wenying Wu

3. Working Session Feedback / Subcommittee Updates

Janice Douglas reviewed a list provided by City staff of possible topics a Housing Subcommittee could explore.

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Wenying Wu

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee form a Housing Subcommittee with Janice Douglas as the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Christy Lo, Samantha Truong and Anna Zhang absent for the vote)

4. Access Without Fear

Mab Oloman reviewed a letter sent by the Committee to Mayor and Council in December 2014 in support of designating Vancouver as a Sanctuary City. She also noted that at the April 6, 2016, Council meeting, Council unanimously adopted an "Access to City Services Without Fear" policy and encouraged the boards of Parks and Recreation, the Vancouver Police, and the Vancouver Public Library, to do the same.

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to the boards of Parks and Recreation, the Vancouver Police, and the Vancouver Public Library, encouraging them to adopt policies which support the spirit and objectives of the "Access to City Services Without Fear for Residents With Uncertain or No Immigration Status" policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Christy Lo, Samantha Truong and Anna Zhang absent for the vote)

5. Working Plan Feedback and Discussion

The Chair and Vice-Chair reviewed documents related to the Work Plan and advised that they will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming Working Session.

7. New Business

a) Announcements and Reminders

The Chair and Vice-Chair announced that they will be holding informal meetings on a drop-in basis that will be open to both committee and non-committee members. A calendar of these dates will be circulated shortly.

The Chair also reminded members to follow the email guidelines that were previously created by the Committee and to attend Working Sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Joy Fan
SECONDED by Aaron Leung

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Christy Lo, Samantha Truong and Anna Zhang absent for the vote)

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 2, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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