



**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**June 2, 2016**

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on June 2, 2016, at 5:40 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Yasmin Ali, Chair  
Cheryl Andre  
Nico Cullen-McKnight  
Janice Douglas  
Lena Hozaima  
Aaron Leung, Vice-Chair  
Iris Liu  
Christy Lo  
Harrison Mair  
Tasha Nijjar  
Mab Oloman  
Anthony Santelices  
Samantha Truong  
Eric Wong  
Wenying Wu  
Joy Zhou  
Grace Zhu

**ABSENT:** Fiona Fan (Sick Leave)  
Joy Fan  
Frank Yan (Leave of Absence)  
Anna Zhang

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

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

**Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Aaron Leung  
SECONDED by Samantha Truong

THAT Frank Yan be granted a leave of absence for this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Lena Hozaima  
SECONDED by Samantha Truong

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting of April 14, 2016, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Aaron Leung  
SECONDED by Samantha Truong

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee Special Meeting of May 12, 2016, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1. Presentation - Development of Chinatown

Melody Ma, a member of the Chinatown community, provided an overview of the ongoing development in Chinatown and its impact on the community and historic neighbourhood. Ms. Ma also discussed a particular rezoning application located in the Keefer Triangle and responded to questions from the Committee.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Samantha Truong  
SECONDED by Anthony Santelices

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee write a letter to Vancouver City Council to express concerns regarding the ongoing gentrification of Chinatown. These concerns are inclusive of:

- Livability and affordability for seniors and families;
- Cultural relevance of area;
- Food security;
- Green space;
- Enlivening streets;
- Displacement;
- Respecting the neighbourhood;
- Responsible development;
- Inclusive space; and
- Architectural aspects.

FURTHER THAT stories of personal connection to Chinatown be shared by members of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, at a Public Hearing in September 2016, related to development in Chinatown.

## 2. Housing Subcommittee

The Committee agreed that the Housing Subcommittee will be comprised of the following members:

- Janice Douglas, Chair
- Nico Cullen-McKnight
- Joy Fan
- Lena Hozaima
- Aaron Leung
- Tasha Nijjar
- Anthony Santelices
- Eric Wong
- Wenying Wu
- Joy Zhou

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*The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 5 as the next item of business. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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## 5. Education Update

Tasha Nijjar noted that the deadline for the Vancouver School Board to pass a balanced budget is June 30, 2016. In addition, the Committee provided updates regarding their meetings with local MLAs.

## 3. Social Media Plan

The Committee provided an update on this matter, and is in the process of exploring various social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat, with Corporate Communications.

The Committee also agreed to form a Social Media Subcommittee comprised of the following members:

- Cheryl Andre
- Christy Lo
- Tasha Nijjar
- Eric Wong
- Wenying Wu
- Joy Zhou

## 4. 2016 Work Plan

The Committee reviewed their 2016 Work Plan, which will be finalized soon. It was noted that Child Care is included in the current version of the work plan.

**6. New Business**

**a) Access without Fear Motion**

Commissioner Evans thanked the Committee following her announcement that the Access to Park Board Services Without Fear motion was approved by the Park Board on May 10, 2016.

**b) Advisory Committee Workshop - The New St. Paul's.**

Lena Hozaima agreed to attend a Planning Workshop on behalf of the Committee. The workshop will explore development concepts for inclusion in preparation of a new St. Paul's Health Campus Policy Statement.

**c) Park Use by People and Dogs**

Commissioner Evans provided an update on this matter, and noted that the Park Board will be gathering input into a strategy for park use by people and dogs.

**d) Attending Fellow Advisory Committee Meetings**

Several members of the Committee agreed to attend a meeting of the following civic agencies, in order to gain a better understanding of other advisory committees.

- Tasha Nijjar                      Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee
- Joy Zhou                              Arts & Culture Policy Council
- Wenying Wu                      LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee
- Mab Oloman                      Women's Advisory Committee
- Anthony Santelices              Seniors' Advisory Committee
- Anthony Santelices              Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee

**e) Advisory Committee Member Training Session**

The Chair reminded the Committee to attend the Advisory Committee Member Training Session that will be held on July 6, 2016, and RSVP to the Meeting Coordinator.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Janice Douglas  
SECONDED by Christy Lo

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, July 7, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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