



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 7, 2016

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at 5:42 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Aaron Leung, Vice-Chair  
Yasmin Ali, Chair (*via teleconference*)  
Cheryl Andre  
Janice Douglas  
Joy Fan  
Iris Liu  
Christy Lo  
Harrison Mair  
Tasha Nijjar\*  
Mab Oloman  
Anthony Santelices  
Eric Wong\*  
Wenying Wu  
Frank Yan  
Grace Zhu

**ABSENT:** Nico Cullen-McKnight (Leave of Absence)  
Fiona Fan (Leave of Absence)  
Lena Hozaima (Sick Leave)  
Samantha Truong  
Anna Zhang (Leave of Absence)  
Joy Zhou

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Joy Fan  
SECONDED by Christy Lo

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Nico Cullen-McKnight, Fiona Fan and Anna Zhang for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Tasha Nijjar and Eric Wong absent for the vote)

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Mab Oloman  
SECONDED by Harrison Mair

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting held June 2, 2016, as amended on page 2 under Item 1 in the first paragraph: “Keefer Circle” should read “Keefer Triangle”, and as amended on page 3 under Item 2 to add Joy Fan to the Housing Sub-committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Tasha Nijjar and Eric Wong absent for the vote)

### **1. Family Housing Policy in Vancouver**

Janice Douglas provided a brief overview on staff’s proposed policy to increase the supply of housing units suitable for families and sought the Committee’s approval to send a letter in support to Mayor and Council.

MOVED by Janice Douglas  
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee adopt and send a letter in support of the proposed new housing policy that would have all new developments incorporate 35% family friendly units, to Mayor and Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. Education Updates and Initial Planning for Town Hall Events**

The Vice-Chair presented a Location Analysis Report on potential town hall locations and responded to questions.

Discussion included possible use of other venues such as schools. Some members requested further clarification regarding this matter in relation to the Committee’s mandate and it was agreed to refer discussion to the September meeting.

MOVED by Aaron Leung  
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee refer discussion on Education Updates and Initial Planning for Town Hall Events to the September 8, 2016, meeting;

FURTHER THAT the Committee appoint Cheryl Andre, Joy Fan, Christy Lo, Tasha Nijjar, Wenyng Wu and Frank Yan to participate on the Education Sub-committee through the Summer to discuss the Location Analysis Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. Social Media Sub-Committee Update**

Cheryl Andre reviewed recommendations arising from the sub-committee meeting held June 30, 2016, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Cheryl Andre  
SECONDED by Joy Fan

WHEREAS

The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee's Social Media Sub-Committee met on June 30, 2016, and decided on the following goals:

- opening conversations about general issues related to our mandate and to what we are currently working on;
- using social media to reach out to youth and children for their opinions; and
- showing the public the faces behind the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the goals as stated above.
- B. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee direct the Social Media Sub-Committee to ask Corporate Communications for support and training of members who will be tasked with running the Committee's social media page.
- C. THAT, after gaining approval for a Facebook page and Twitter account by Corporate Communications, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee's Social Media Sub-Committee will post the Committee's approved letters and motions, inspirational children and youth featured in the media, general updates on Committee activities, small autobiographies of Committee members, as well as news articles relating to children, youth and families.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Wenying Wu  
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee appoint Cheryl Andre as Chair of the Social Media Sub-Committee until the end of the appointment term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. Proposal for a Committee Youth Engagement Plan**

Anthony Santelices along with the Vice-Chair sought the Committee's feedback on a proposal for a Committee Youth Engagement Plan and responded to questions.

MOVED by Mab Oloman  
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT the Children, Youth and Family Advisory Committee establish a working group to explore best practices for getting the voices of children and youth in to civic decision making and report back to the November 10, 2016, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following members agreed to join the working group: Cheryl Andre, Mab Oloman, Anthony Santelices and Frank Yan.

Mab Oloman advised that she will forward relevant background material to the working group and arrange the first meeting.

**5. Proposal to Pilot New Attendance Requirements and Procedure for Leave of Absence Requests**

Committee members provided input on possible actions to promote attendance at regular and working meetings.

**6. Invitation: Grandview-Woodlands Area Plan Presentation & Advisory Committee Training Reminder**

The Vice-Chair reminded members of the following events:

**a. Joint Advisory Committee Session on Grandview-Woodlands Area Plan**

Thursday, July 14, 2016  
5:30 - 8 pm  
Main Floor Town Hall - City Hall

**b. Advisory Committee Training**

Wednesday, July 6, 2016  
6 - 8 pm  
Main Floor Town Hall - City Hall

**7. New Business**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Aaron  
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, September 8, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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