



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2017

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 5:39 pm, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Aaron Leung, Vice-Chair
Cheryl Andre
Fiona Fan
Joy Fan
Lena Hozaima
Iris Liu
Tasha Nijjar
Mab Oloman
Anthony Santelices
Eric Wong
Wenyng Wu
Anna Zhang*

ABSENT: Yasmin Ali, Chair
Nico Cullen-McKnight (Leave of Absence)
Janice Douglas (Leave of Absence)
Christy Lo (Leave of Absence)
Harrison Mair (Leave of Absence)
Frank Yan (Leave of Absence)
Joy Zhou (Leave of Absence)
Grace Zhu (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Gillian Guilment-Smith, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library
Erica Mark, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Park Board

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Mab Oloman
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT Nico Cullen-McKnight, Janice Douglas, Christy Lo, Harrison Mair, Frank Yan, Joy Zhou and Grace Zhu, be granted Leaves of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anna Zhang absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Anthony Santelices
SECONDED by Cheryl Andre

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on November 10, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anna Zhang absent for the vote)

1. Youth Engagement Subcommittee Update

MOVED by Anthony Santelices
SECONDED by Cheryl Andre

WHEREAS

1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes that engagement of children and youth in the decision-making process is part of the committee's mandate to provide advice to City Council and staff;
2. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes that City Council and staff have been, and continue to be, committed to ensuring that children and youth have a pro-active voice in municipal decision-making;
3. Along with the many engagement initiatives the City of Vancouver has developed since its adoption of the Civic Youth Strategy (CYS) in 1995, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee also recognizes the room for more improved implementation of engagement practices;
4. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee has established an Engagement Working Group that explored best practices for getting the voices of children and youth into civic decision making.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, appointed for the March 1, 2017, to November 4, 2018, term, consider establishing a Children and Youth Engagement Subcommittee to continue the work of the Engagement Working Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anna Zhang absent for the vote)

2. VPD Access without Fear Guidelines

The Chair introduced Diego Cardona of Fresh Voices who provided an overview of the Sanctuary City and Access without Fear policies.

The Committee discussed specifics of the Vancouver Police Department's draft Access without Fear guideline with Councillors Reimer and Meggs.

MOVED by Mab Oloman
SECONDED by Lena Hozaima

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to the Vancouver Police Board expressing appreciation to the Police Department for consulting the Committee in developing a draft Access without Fear guideline, however, at this time, the Committee has concerns that require further clarification before making a decision in regard to their support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. New Business

a) Thank you to Committee Members

The Chair thanked those members who will not be returning to the Committee next term for their service and hard work over the past few years.

b) Youth Art for Change: A Collective Showcase

Mab Oloman noted that the above-noted event will be taking place January 25, 2017, at Beaumont Studios.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Joy Fan

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:46 pm.

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