



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 5:31 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Joseph Dunn, Co-Chair
Aleks Besan
Ashini Dissanayake
Tyler Doucet
Janice Douglas
Maeve Downing, Co-Chair
Joseph Dunn
Sola Ebina
May Fan
Rylan Huckabone
Mab Oloman
Angie Osachoff
Simrit Sandhu, Co-Chair
Anthony Santelices
Priya Singh
David Zhang

ABSENT: Clark Childerhose
Jane Childerhose
Attila Kovacs-Mendes
Matthew Kyi

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Head-Children's Library,
Vancouver Public Library, Staff Liaison
Erica Mark, Recreation Services Coordinator, Vancouver
Park Board, Staff Liaison
Stina Hanson, Child and Youth Engagement Planner,
Vancouver Plan

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Angie Osachoff
SECONDED by Tyler Doucet

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 24, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Liaison Updates

Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison, reported on the following Council activities:

- The Climate Emergency Action Plan approved by Council, November 17;
- Special Council Meeting 2021 Budget, scheduled for December 3;
- 2021 Capital and Operating Budget project reconsideration, Granville St. Connector moving ahead in phases.

Gillian Guillimant-Smith, Staff Liaison, provided an update on Vancouver Public Library activities:

- All library locations are currently open with limited services, go to www.vpl.ca for updated services;
- Digital library services are available for kids, go to <https://www.vpl.ca/kids>;
- Upcoming teen programs available, go to <https://www.vpl.ca/teens>;
- Vancouver Public Library is looking for eight, curious, friendly people aged 15-30 for a three-month, full-time, paid digital internship. Interns will work alongside experienced library staff, across different departments, delivering digital library services. Closing date: November 29.

Erica Mark, Staff Liaison, provided an update on Park Board activities:

- Community Youth Workers are providing pre-registered, in-person programs and services with safety plans in place that follow Public Health Authority Orders;
- As of October 23, 11,747 virtual engagements with youth were conducted;
- Hosted our City Wide Youth Council virtually, 38 youth attended;
- Local youth councils are operating;
- Virtual staff training in child protection is being developed in partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society (VACFSS), Society for Children and Youth and the Crisis Centre;
- Resources available for youth, including newsletter signup at www.vancouveryouth.ca.

Stina Hanson, Child and Youth Engagement Planner, provided an update on the following Vancouver Plan activities:

- Vancouver Plan next phase of public engagement, “The Future We Want: The Change We Need”, launch packages will be circulated to the Committee;
- Policy development in process;
- Curriculum components available January 2021.

2. Vancouver Park Board – East Park

Debra Barnes, Landscape Architect, Park Development, provided opening remarks. Alison Maddough, Consultant, Space2place, presented the East Park Project, and, along with Debra Barnes and Liz Nguyen, both from the Park Development Team, responded to questions. The Committee thanked the team for their east park presentation. Co-Chair, Joseph Dunn requested a follow-up engagement with the Committee in three to six months from the Park Development team.

3. Children, Youth and Families Housing: Guidelines and Planning

Edna Cho, Planner, Housing Policy, and Christopher Erdman, Planner, Community Planning, presented on family housing design in the context of the Vancouver Plan, and responded to questions. The Committee thanked City staff for their informative presentation. Co-Chair, Joseph Dunn, requested that the Committee receive updates from City staff on the progress of the planned activities discussed, noting that the Committee will be communicating to Council the priority of recommended changes to development policy, in the Vancouver Plan, that would significantly benefit children, youth, and families.

4. Approval of Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Ashini Dissanayake
SECONDED by Sola Ebina

THAT the Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Committee approve the 2021 meeting schedule below.

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Location
January	28	5:30 pm	Working Session	WebEx Event Online
February	25	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online
March	25	5:30 pm	Working Session	WebEx Event Online
April	22	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online
May	27	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online
June	24	5:30 pm	Working Session	WebEx Event Online
July	29	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online

AUGUST BREAK				
September	30	5:30 pm	Working Session	WebEx Event Online
October	28	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online
November	25	5:30 pm	Working Session	WebEx Event Online
December	16	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online

All meetings take place on Thursdays starting at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Regular meetings will be clerked by the Committee Clerk for public record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Area of Focus Updates – Subcommittee Updates

a. Housing

No report.

b. Environmental Sustainability

Mab Oloman noted the subcommittee has a list of ideas and concerns, and planning to schedule a working session in the future.

c. Mental Health

The subcommittee provided an update, which included lack of free mental health resources for youth, and will be consulting with Park Board Staff Liaison on this issue.

e. Education, Child & Youth Engagement

The subcommittee is scheduling a meeting in the future.

6. New Business

(a) Report of Activities 2021

Co-Chair, Joseph Dunn, informed the Committee of the January 8, 2021, deadline, and thanked all presenters, staff liaisons, and subcommittee leads for their presentations and reports.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Angie Osachoff
SECONDED by Janice Douglas

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

Next Working Session:

DATE: Thursday, December 17, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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