



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 7, 2023

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 5:30 in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT:

- Amy He, Chair
- Seerit Boparai
- Kaylee Chou
- Winston Chow
- Joseph Dunn
- Wah Gee
- Alicia Li
- Melanie Li
- Ryan Li
- Miles Molhoj
- Julia Molnar
- Esther Moreno
- Eavan Morrison
- Arezoo Paterson
- Marcus Tse
- Kazja Wallberg
- Andre Yeh
- Freddie Zhang

ABSENT:

- Madisen Butterfield (Leave of Absence)
- Katie Manning (Leave of Absence)
- Jack Molnar (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Lanny Libby, Social Planner, Arts, Culture, and Community Services; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Manager, Civic Agencies acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Marcus Tse
SECONDED by Wah Gee

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Madisen Butterfield, Katie Manning, and Jack Molnar, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Esther Moreno
SECONDED by Joseph Dunn

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee amend the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, July 6, 2023, to correct an error in the spelling of Andre Yeh.

FURTHER THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Selection of Chair(s)

MOVED by Ryan Li
SECONDED by Melanie Li

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee form an Executive Subcommittee to review and prioritize staff engagement requests, consult with members and staff on developing future meeting agendas, and communicate with Council and other Civic Agencies as needed;

FURTHER THAT the following members be appointed to the Executive Subcommittee:

- Seerit Boparai
- Winston Chow
- Joseph Dunn
- Amy He
- Melanie Li
- Marcus Tse
- Freddie Zhang

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Andre Yeh
SECONDED by Melanie Li

THAT Amy He be appointed Chair for the duration of this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the meeting, Amy He assumed the Chair.

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2. Committee Inclusivity & Accessibility

The Committee discussed ways to improve inclusivity and facilitate member participation.

3. Commercial Streets, Davie & Robson – Transportation & Public Space

Staff from Engineering Services presented on Commercial Streets, Davie & Robson – Transportation & Public Space, and responded to comments and questions.

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The Committee recessed at 7:00 pm and reconvened at 7:05 pm.

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4. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided updates and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Joseph Dunn
SECONDED by Freddie Zhang

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee request that external liaisons from the Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Public Library, and Vancouver School Board be invited to participate and provide regular updates in Committee meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Subcommittee Updates

Working groups formed during the last meeting provided updates and responded to comments and questions.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Ryan Li
SECONDED by Seerit Boparai

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee form the following Subcommittees for the current term:

- Access to Essential Services and Supports Subcommittee;
- Sustainable Development and Social Justice Subcommittee;
- Youth Development Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

The Manager, Civic Agencies, reminded the Committee of City Council requests to review the Committee's size, scope, and mandate, and to explore connections with Park Board City-Wide Youth Council.

Committee members raised items of New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Miles Molhoj
SECONDED by Esther Moreno

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 9, 2023
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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