



LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 25, 2012

A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 5:37 pm in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni, Co-Chair  
Metha Brown  
Drew Dennis  
Myriam Dumont  
Michelle Fortin  
Adeline Huynh  
Dean Malone, Acting Co-Chair  
Barbara Snelgrove  
Mike Soron  
Ron Stipp

**ABSENT:** Richard Overgaard  
Patrick Tham (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dave Rieberger, Parks and Recreation, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Mike Soron  
SECONDED by Ron Stipp

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approves a leave of absence for Patrick Tham for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Michelle Fortin  
SECONDED by Adeline Huynh

THAT the minutes of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee meeting of September 27, 2012, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Co-Chairs Report**

Dean Malone, Acting Co-Chair, informed the Committee that the Co-Chairs had met with Councillor Stevenson to discuss the direction of the Committee.

### **2. Election of Co-Chairs for 2013**

Notice was given to Committee members that the election of Co-Chairs for the 2013 term will take place at the November 29, 2012, Working Session.

*Note: A motion will be brought to the January 10, 2013, Regular Meeting, formally endorsing the Co-Chairs for 2013.*

### **3. Subcommittee Planning**

The Committee discussed renaming three of the Subcommittees to more clearly define them. Chairs of the various Subcommittees were asked to develop mandates and choose two priorities and report back at the November 29, 2012, Working Session. Members were asked to seek out individuals from the community to increase the membership of the various subcommittees.

### **4. Subcommittees**

#### **a) Affordable Housing and Homelessness**

Adeline Huynh and Michelle Fortin provided an update noting that they would be reviewing the Administrative Report dated September 25, 2012, entitled "Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability" to determine focus areas. They also noted that they were planning to reach out to members of the Task Force, and that an e-mail account had been created.

#### **b) Thriving Diverse Economy**

Ron Stipp and Barbara Snelgrove agreed to Chair the Subcommittee. They noted they will be meeting soon to discuss focus areas and membership.

**c) Strength, Vitality and Healthy Communities**

Mike Soron noted possible directions for the Subcommittee such as the Olympics and grassroots recreation clubs.

Barbara Snelgrove informed the Committee that Mario Giardini, Inspector, Diversity and Aboriginal Policing Unit, Vancouver Police Department, will be a guest presenter at the November 29, 2012, Working Session.

**d) TRANSformation**

MOVED by Myriam Dumont  
SECONDED by Ron Stipp

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee form a TRANSformation Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Metha Brown and Drew Dennis provided an update noting the following:

- Have been seeking out membership and will be working on recruitment;
- Recently completed a successful thirty minute pilot training session with Recreational Supervisors, Vancouver Parks and Recreation;
- Will be coordinating a facilities tour at five City facilities to look at design and signage;
- Will be hosting a training session with Aquatic Supervisors, Vancouver Parks and Recreation;
- Currently talking with the Human Resources Department at the City regarding training for City staff;
- The Public Engagement Manager sought input from the Committee about the question of gender on civic forms, the Subcommittee Chairs agreed to meet with her and discuss options;
- They will be following-up with Trevor Loke, Park Board Liaison, for an update regarding the Task Force he referenced at the September 27, 2012, LGBTQ Advisory Committee meeting.

Metha Brown also informed the Committee that the professor of Research Methods at UBC SCARP (School of Community and Regional Planning), is considering a research partnership with the Research Methods Course 2013 that would pair teams of graduate students to interview people on topics outlined by LGBTQ Advisory Committee members. An update on next steps will be provided to the committee at the next meeting, should the partnership move forward.

**5. Communications and Engagement**

The Committee discussed using social media such as Twitter and Facebook and agreed to further discuss it at the next working session.

**6. Working Session Dates**

The Committee agreed to hold the November Working Session on November 29, 2012, and to cancel the Working Session in December.

The Committee discussed holding their 2013 Working Sessions at various locations around the city.

## 7. Meeting Dates for 2013

The Committee discussed Regular Meeting and Working Session dates for 2013.

MOVED by Ron Stipp  
SECONDED by Drew Dennis

THAT the following 2013 dates for LGBTQ Advisory Committee Regular Meetings be approved:

- January 10
- May 2
- September 12
- November 14

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8. New Business

### a) Holiday Party

Dean Malone agreed to follow-up with Councillor Stevenson for details on the holiday party he is hosting for the LGBTQ Advisory Committee on December 3, 2012.

## Adjournment

MOVED by Ron Stipp  
SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:12 pm.

## Next Meeting:

DATE: January 10, 2012  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

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