



LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 2, 2013

A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 5:37 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Michelle Fortin, Co-Chair
Dean Malone, Co-Chair
Mo Basir-Kazerooni*
Metha Brown
Adeline Huynh
Richard Overgaard
Barbara Snelgrove
Mike Soron*
- ABSENT:** Drew Dennis (Leave of Absence)
Ron Stipp (Leave of Absence)
Patrick Tham (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tim Stevenson, City of Vancouver
Commissioner Trevor Loke, Vancouver Park Board
Dave Rieberger, Parks and Recreation (*Staff Liaison*)
Eddy Elmer (*Community Guest*)
Jamie Forrest (*Community Guest*)
Gwen Haworth (*Incoming Committee Member*)
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Barbara Snelgrove
SECONDED by Mo Basir-Kazerooni

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Drew Dennis, Ron Stipp and Patrick Tham for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mike Soron absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Michelle Fortin
SECONDED by Richard Overgaard

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2013, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mike Soron absent for the vote)

1. Advisory Committee Membership Update

Co-Chair Malone provided a brief update and introduced Gwen Haworth who has applied for membership on the LGBTQ Committee and will be confirmed by the nominations committee in June.

2. Communications and Engagement Update

Richard Overgaard provided an update, noting the Facebook page has gone live "lgbtq-advisory-committee-city-of-vancouver". He added that Corporate Communications will be the Administrator of the account while he will manage content creation. Mr. Overgaard encouraged members to invite others to join and forward any information they wish to post.

3. PRIDE 2013 Planning

Co-Chair Fortin provided an update, noting a meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th with Councillor Stevenson and City staff to begin planning Pride week activities at City Hall. She also sought the Committee's feedback on broadening the lens on Pride Week at City Hall, adding the event should include the Pride Society as well as other queer organizations, services and vendors. Members expressed support.

In addition, Co-Chair Malone advised that he will forward information he received from Koyali Burman, South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (SVNH), on a Queer Community Inclusion Cafe gathering taking place at the Vancouver Public Library downtown on July 30th from 10:00 am to Noon. Further information will be shared with the committee to respond to a request by SVNH to participate in planning the event.

4. Our Spaces Meeting Update

Mike Soron provided a brief update and, along with Co-Chair Fortin, responded to questions.

5. Tourism Vancouver Master Plan Update

Eddy Elmer, Safe Health & Engaged Communities Sub-committee member, provided a verbal report on a Show Case held last Wednesday at the Trade and Convention Centre which was hosted by Tourism Vancouver. He met with Resonance Consultancy who developed the Master

Plan, and he reviewed the purpose, noting there is little reference to the LGBTQ community included in the Master Plan so far.

MOVED by Mike Soron
SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee, recognizing that the LGBTQ communities are underrepresented in Tourism Vancouver's Master Plan, will liaise with the City of Vancouver to identify actions that can be taken by the City to better integrate the LGBTQ communities in Tourism Vancouver's Master Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mo Basir-Kazerooni absent for vote)

6. Subcommittee Reports

a) Housing to Home

Co-Chair Fortin and Adeline Huynh provided a brief update on recent meetings involving Aging Out and the City's Housing to Home Action Plan.

b) Davie Village Revitalization

Co-Chair Malone noted a draft report is anticipated for the June working group. He also noted that he will be meeting with Stephen Regan, Executive Director, West End Business Improvement Association, on May 8th, regarding the rebranding of the association and updates to their involvement in the West End Community Plan.

c) Safe, Healthy and Engaged Communities

Mike Soron provided a brief update on progress, noting he will be bringing forward a recommendation to Council at the next regular meeting regarding the absence of a PRIDE House at the Sochi Olympic Games.

d) TRANSformations

Metha Brown provided a brief update on progress and responded to questions.

7. Inclusivity and Gender-Variance Task Force

Commissioner Trevor Loke sought the Committee's feedback on a Parks Board motion to establish an Inclusivity and Gender-Variance Task Force. He advised the motion will be going forward to the next Park Board meeting on May 13, 2013, starting at 7:00 pm, and that the agenda will be posted tomorrow.

MOVED by Mike Soron
SECONDED by Barb Snelgroove

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee recommends Metha Brown and Drew Dennis be appointed to the Trans and Gender-Variant Working Group as representatives of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mo Basir-Kazerooni absent for the vote)

8. New Business

a) Vancouver Police Department Diversity Committee

Barbara Snelgrove shared that members can forward any community events they are interested in posting on VPD's website to her, including photos, posters and registration forms.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Richard Overgaard
SECONDED by Adeline Huynh

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mo Basir-Kazerooni absent for the vote)

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-ground, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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