



LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 8, 2013

A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 8, 2013, at 5:34 pm, in Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Dean Malone, Co-Chair
Metha Brown*
Drew Dennis
Michelle Fortin, Co-Chair
Gwen Haworth
Richard Overgaard
Andrew Shopland*
Barbara Snelgrove

ABSENT: Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni
Ronald Stipp (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Cherie Payne, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Dave Rieberger, Parks and Recreation, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Barbara Snelgrove
SECONDED by Richard Overgaard

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Ronald Stipp for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Metha Brown and Andrew Shopland absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Michelle Fortin
SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the minutes of November 21, 2013, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Liaison Updates

a) Park Board - Commissioner Loke

None.

b) School Board - Trustee Payne

Trustee Cherie Payne provided an update on the draft revised policy ACB and regulations ACB R-1 for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities. The draft revised policy recommendations will be brought forward at the May 20, 2014, Board Meeting.

MOVED by Metha Brown

SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee fully supports the Vancouver School Board's necessary updates to the existing draft revised policy for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities;

FURTHER THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee appreciates the Vancouver School Board's proactive leadership and championing of children and youth in the LGBTQ community;

AND FURTHER THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee fully endorses the Vancouver School Board's revisions to the policy that will make for a fundamentally more safe and inclusive school community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Staff Liaison - Dave Rieberger

Dave Rieberger provided an overview of the Chair's Meeting held on May 7, 2014 and noted that a Capital Planning Open House will be held May 10, 2014, in the Town Hall. It was also noted that a Council of Councils meeting will be held in November, 2014, more information to come.

2. Social Planning

Jessica Wood, Social Planner and Ty Mistry, Social Planner provided an overview of their portfolios and responded to questions from the group.

3. Heart of Davie

Dean Malone noted that Planning and Development Services staff has requested assistance from the Committee for the West End Plan Stakeholder Workshop on May 29, 2014, and the VIVA Vancouver Intercept Surveys on May 14 and 17, 2014.

Barbara Snelgrove will attend the West End Plan Stakeholder Workshop and report back to the Committee.

Richard Overgaard and Dean Malone expressed interest in assisting with the VIVA Vancouver Intercept Surveys. Dean will re-circulate the email invite to all Committee members.

4. Subcommittee Reports

a) *Housing to Home*

Allison Jones provided a brief verbal update on the subcommittee's progress. Creation of focus groups and the development of questions for the surveys are underway.

b) *Davie Village Revitalization*

Dean Malone provided a brief update on the progress of the Davie Village Revitalization and noted that he has been meeting with businesses in the area informally to get a better sense of what is happening in the neighbourhood.

c) *Safe, Healthy and Engaged Communities*

Patrick Tham provided brief updates on the Alzheimer Society's Rainbow Caregiver Support Group as well as the scavenger hunt that will take place June 21, 2014. It was also noted that he will be connecting with other advisory committees to see if they share any common concerns with the LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

d) TRANSformations

Mehta Brown provided a brief overview of the May 5, 2014 Park Board meeting where the Trans* and Gender-Variant Inclusion Working Group's recommendations were approved.

MOVED by Michelle Fortin
SECONDED by Dean Malone

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee endorses the draft report and recommendations to Park Board as presented by the Trans* and Gender-Variant Inclusion Working Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. New Business

Gwen noted that the Ministry of Health is looking to introduce a new process for individuals wishing to change their sex designation on their BC Services Card.

Dean noted that both he and Michelle Fortin have been invited to a City of Vancouver meeting next week to discuss the planning for Pride events this summer.

Adjournment

MOVED by Gwen Haworth
SECONDED by Drew Dennis

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 4, 2014
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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