



LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 28, 2016

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 5:36 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Drew Dennis, Co-Chair
Bijan Ahmadian
Kirsten Anderson
Brendan Bailey
Hélène Frohard-Dourlent
Rob McDowell
Morgane Oger
Yogi Omar*
Jen Robertson
Chase Willier
- ABSENT:** Metha Brown (Leave of Absence)
Sabina Denton (Sick Leave)
Trevor Kramer (Leave of Absence)
Barb Snelgrove (Leave of Absence)
Rachaal Steele, Co-Chair (Sick Leave)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison
Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access & Volunteer Services, Staff Liaison
Trustee Patti Bacchus, Vancouver School Board
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Morgane Oger
SECONDED by Yogi Omar

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Metha Brown, Trevor Kramer, and Barb Snelgrove for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Brendan Bailey
SECONDED by Yogi Omar

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meetings held November 26 and December 10, 2015, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Presentation - Update on Council's Trans* Inclusion Motion

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Prior to the beginning of this item, Drew Dennis declared a conflict of interest as they are intending to submit a proposal to the City regarding this issue. Drew Dennis left the room at 5:57 pm and returned once the item was completed, at 6:15 pm.

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Ann Nickerson, Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, provided a verbal presentation on Council's motion entitled "Supporting Trans Equality and an Inclusive Vancouver", which was passed at the Regular Council meeting on July 21, 2015. Ms. Nickerson informed the Committee that she has met with several people regarding the motion and noted a consultant would be hired and a report back to Council is expected by June 2016. Ms. Nickerson responded to questions.

2. Presentation - Information Sharing - Code of Conduct, Role of Committee etc.

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

3. Terms of Reference for Co-Chairs

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

4. Facebook Update

Yogi Omar provided an update on the Committee's Facebook page and noted Sabina Denton, Trevor Kramer and himself now have approval to edit the page. Mr. Omar advised he would be making the page current in the immediate future.

5. Subcommittee Reports and Updates

The Co-Chair requested that Subcommittees have their work established by the March 31, 2016, meeting.

a) Seniors Isolation and Housing

It was noted that Kirsten Anderson would be the lead for the subcommittee and the subcommittee is working at setting up a stakeholder meeting.

b) Policing and Accountability

There was no update, however, it was agreed that Chase Willier would follow-up with the Vancouver Police Department.

c) Youth Homelessness and Social Services

Jen Robertson provided an update on the upcoming Homeless Count for 2016.

d) Campaign School

Rob McDowell noted the subcommittee has changed its name to Vancouver Rainbow Election Squad.

e) Trans* Inclusion

Hélène Frohard-Dourlent noted the subcommittee met with Ann Nickerson, Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, regarding the presentation for Item 1 above. She also noted the subcommittee has met with the Vancouver School Mentor and several youth to organize a Day of Pink event in April, 2016.

f) Safer Spaces

No update.

6. New Business

a) Ministry of Schools Education Update

Morgane Oger provided information on the "Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth Final Report - Children and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia: Concrete Action for Systematic Change", and specifically noted Recommendation 21 regarding schools. It was agreed this item would be brought to the next working session.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Rob McDowell

SECONDED by Hélène Frohard-Dourlent

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Yogi Omar absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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