



LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2017

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on March 2, 2017, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Kirsten Anderson
Brendan Bailey
Carolyn Camman
Jen Donovan (via conference phone)
Brooklyn Fowler
Rob Higgins
Andy Holmes
Jutta Kolhi
Rob McDowell
Yogi Omar
Linnea Strom
Chase Willier
Catherine Wong

ABSENT: David C. Jones (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

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The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order.

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Rob McDowell
SECONDED by Kirsten Anderson

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for David C. Jones for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Yogi Omar
SECONDED by Chase Willier

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Introductions

The meeting commenced with roundtable introductions of Committee members and staff.

2. Committee Orientation - Roles and Relationships

The Meeting Coordinator provided a brief overview of roles and responsibilities of committee members, and distributed the 2017 meeting schedule, Committee membership list and City staff contact information, Guidelines for Civic Agencies and City of Vancouver Code of Conduct Policy, noting more detailed information will be provided at the 2017 Advisory Committee Training on March 14, 2017.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOVED by Catherine Wong
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee appoint Kirsten Anderson and Yogi Omar as Acting Co-Chairs for the remainder of the meeting and for the working session on April 6, 2017;

FURTHER THAT the election of Co-Chairs will take place at the May 4, 2017, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings Kirsten Anderson and Yogi Omer assumed the Chair.

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4. LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee Report of Activities - 2015-2016

Yogi Omar along with returning committee members, provided an overview of the Committee's accomplishments and achievements in its previous term.

5. Committee Liaison Updates

Councillor Stevenson provided a verbal update on items that will be going forward to Council in the coming weeks.

6. Work Plan

The Committee brainstormed possible areas of interest for the Committee to focus on for the upcoming term. Discussions will continue at the working session in April.

Topics of interest included:

- Research on Reparative Therapy
- Seniors
- Youth
- Reconciliation / Two Spirited
- Davie Village Revitalization
- Trans* Inclusion
- Policing
- Queer Archive
- Housing
- Youth Education
- Health
- QTBIPOC
- Poverty

7. New Business

a) Vancouver Police Department Participation at Pride

Chase Willier will provide more information about the meeting with the Vancouver Police Department at the end of this month. The Committee agreed to continue the discussion at the April working session.

b) Open Mic Night

Kirsten Anderson reminded people of the upcoming Open Mic Night, "The piece of grass I stand on" at the Roundhouse on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 pm. More information will be circulated via email to members.

c) Social Media - Facebook

Yogi Omar invited members to become involved with the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee Facebook page and would be able to help with set up to become an administrator for the page.

d) Mini-Series - "When We Rise"

Rob McDowell mentioned a mini-series currently airing called "When We Rise" which is a chronicled re-telling of the gay rights movement in the United States.

Adjournment

MOVED by Brendan Bailey
SECONDED by Kirsten Anderson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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