



LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 21, 2019

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 5:36 pm, in Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair
Linnea Strom, Co-Chair
Raj Alamchandani
Olivia Bing
Eddy Elmer
Stephanie Goodwin
Jutta Kolhi
Shawnessy Luke
Sylvia Machat
Rob McDowell
Tribesty Nguyen
Aisha Tejani

ABSENT: Osmel B. Guerra Maynes

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Dave Demers, Park Board Liaison
Constable Dale Quiring, Police Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

WELCOME

Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair, acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Rob McDowell
SECONDED by Stephanie Goodwin

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of September 19, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Park Board Washroom Strategy Update

Leila Todd, Park Planner, Vancouver Park Board, provided a presentation on the Park Board Washroom Strategy Update which included details on the development of a long-term plan for provisions of safe, clean and accessible washroom facilities at parks around the City. Long term preliminary recommendations focus on development, durability, and universal washrooms for all genders and abilities. Ms. Todd also responded to questions regarding Provincial accessibility legislation, waste reclamation strategies, protections for the LGBTQ2+ community, staff training, universal design components, safety, garbage cans, sharps boxes, and signage.

Ms. Todd agreed to circulate a copy of the presentation to members via the clerk.

2. 2020 Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed meeting dates for 2020.

MOVED by Brooklyn Fowler
SECONDED by Aisha Tejani

THAT the Committee approve the following meeting dates for 2020:

Meetings take place on Thursday of each month (except for August) at 5:30 pm.

ALL THURSDAYS	Meeting Type	Meeting Room
January 23	Regular Meeting	Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall
February 20	Working Session	Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall
March 5	Regular Meeting	Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall
April 16	Working Session	Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall
May 7	Regular Meeting	Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall
June 4	Working Session	Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall
July 16	Regular Meeting	Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall
September 17	Regular Meeting	Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall
October 8	Working Session	Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall
November 26	Regular Meeting	Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall
December 10	Working Session	Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Thinking Ahead – 2020 Election of Co-Chairs

Linnea Strom, Co-Chair, reviewed the responsibilities and time commitment required for the role of Co-Chair of the committee and encouraged newer members to consider stepping up and applying to become a Co-Chair in 2020.

The Committee agreed to hold elections for Co-Chairs for 2020 at its meeting on March 5, 2020.

4. Subcommittee Updates

Aging and Intergenerational – Eddy Elmer provided a brief update on several research projects the subcommittee would like to undertake. Topics included looking at various city strategies and provide suggestions to staff especially in relation to the older queer population, queer housing needs, and safety and accessibility.

Housing – Shawnessy Luke provided a brief update from the Housing subcommittee which included priority housing needs for seniors and youth, reviewing current housing strategies at the city and identifying gaps, and reviewing and checking the status of motions Council has passed,

Lifestyle/Living – Raj Alamchandani provided a brief update from the Lifesty/Living subcommittee. The subcommittee noted the Commercial-Broadway area has a large population and there is potential to liven up the neighbourhood. The area could use some colour therapy such as a installing a Rainbow Crosswalk.

Queer Spaces – Raj Alamchandani provided a brief update and noted there is a lack of dance venues for queer women.

Minorities – Aisha Tejani provided a brief update from the subcommittee discussion revolving around the idea of giving talks at schools to discuss LGBT issues and also the creation of support groups for people new to the City. The subcommittee is re-thinking the name of the subcommittee with the possibility of changing it to QTBIPOC.

Public Safety – Eddy Elmer provided a brief update on topics discussed by the subcommittee including street lighting, violence reporting, and a city-wide hate speech policy.

Sex Work – Olive Bing provided a brief update on the following topics: what sex work voices would look like and current challenges and barriers, concerns with wording in Healthy City documentation, and lack of a dedicated Sex Work Advisory Committee.

The meeting clerk agreed to email a copy of the work plan template to committee members.

5. Staff Liaison Updates

Dale Quiring provided an update on projects he has been working on since the last meeting including building on community outreach, fielding enquiries from other Police departments across the province, outreach, education and presentations at elementary schools on topics such as homophobia, transphobia and racism, and working with queer seniors and creating safe spaces.

6. New Business

a) 2020 Budget

The Committee briefly discussed the upcoming 2020 Budget and agreed that interested members write to Mayor and Council on an individual basis regarding the budget as there were time limitations for the Committee to submit a letter.

b) Renaming of the Committee

Committee members continued a brief discussion on renaming of the Committee to include an "S" so that the Committee would be named LGBTQ2S+ Advisory Committee.

c) Qmunity

The Committee briefly discussed the reorganization happening at Qmunity and it was,

MOVED by Brooklyn Fowler
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee draft a letter to the Board of Qmunity and the interim Executive Director to express support from the Committee to Qmunity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sylvia Machat volunteered to start a draft of the letter.

d) Social Media

Linnea Strom, Co-Chair expressed interest in reactivating the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee page on Facebook.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Olivia Bing
SECONDED by Aisha Tejani

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session:

DATE: Thursday, December 19, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, City Hall

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, January 23, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Meeting Room
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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