



2SLGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 20, 2022

A meeting of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 5:35 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT: Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair
Serena Jackson, Co-Chair
Saif Al Shamaa
Laura Dale
Colt Desjarlais-Tataquasan
Rick Hurlbut
Alicia Oeser*
Mitchell Prost
Katie Anne Reimer
Bradley Sarandi
Kyle Simunovic
Rodney Stehr

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Council Liaison
Inspector Terry Yung, Vancouver Police Department
Sergeant Valerie Spicer, Vancouver Police Department
Constable Chris Birkett, Vancouver Police Department
Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access & Inclusion
Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

Serena Jackson, Co-Chair, acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Rick Hurlbut
SECONDED by Bradley Sarandi

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 16, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Alicia Oeser absent for the vote)

1. VPD Strategic Plan

Sergeant Val Spicer, Inspector Terry Yung, and Constable Chris Birkett, provided an update on the Vancouver Police Department's Five-Year Strategic Plan and 2022 Business Plan, and responded to questions. The Committee provided feedback that included:

- The need for more precisely-defined and measurable outcomes;
- Language that is more intersectional, less linear, and reflects an equity perspective;
- Broader engagement with the 2SLGBTQ+ community and neighbourhoods outside the West End;
- Better training for E-Comm staff when taking calls from 2SLGBTQ+ people;
- Increased mental health resources, including expansion of the Car 87 program; and
- More effort toward ending the impasse with Vancouver Pride Society.

Committee members also recognized the valuable work of the Department's outgoing 2SLGBTQ+ Liaison Officer, Constable Dale Quiring, and recommended this position be filled in due course.

2. Aaron Webster Memorial Bench Letter to Park Board

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, provided a brief update on a draft letter (on file) to the Vancouver Park Board regarding funding for the Aaron Webster Memorial Bench.

Rick Hurlbut, committee member, read a prepared statement (on file) providing additional context about this memorial.

MOVED by Serena Jackson
SECONDED by Eddy Elmer

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee send a letter to the Vancouver Park Board regarding the Aaron Webster Memorial Bench.

CARRIED
(Rick Hurlbut opposed)

3. Staff Report: Lighting Motion

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, informed the Committee about a staff memo in response to the Committee's motion on street lighting. The Committee noted they had not been consulted in the preparation of this memo, nor was it listed as one of the advisory committees that would be consulted going forward. Paul Czene, staff liaison, indicated he would contact staff regarding this oversight.

4. Honoraria for Committee Members

Eddy Elmer and Serena Jackson, Co-Chairs, lead a discussion regarding possible honoraria for Type-A advisory committee members. The Committee agreed that further discussion with other advisory committees was warranted including exploration of a joint committee motion. Councillor Bligh noted she would be in touch with Councillor Boyle, Chair of the Nomination Subcommittee, to discuss the logistics involved in providing honoraria.

5. Revised Work Plan

Eddy Elmer and Serena Jackson, Co-Chairs, lead discussion on a revised Work Plan taking into account the short time left in the current term.

MOVED by Serena Jackson
SECONDED by Laura Dale

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee Work Plan for the current term include the following:

- Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ victims of crime;
- Facilitating hate crime reporting;
- Street/sidewalk safety;
- Input into developments (e.g., Davie and Burrard (1157 Burrard); Renfrew (5055 Joyce Street));
- Protection of 2SLGBTQ+ small businesses;
- Relationship with other cities' 2SLGBTQ+ advisory committees;
- Fast-tracking items from Trans and Gender Variant Advisory Committee (Park Board);
- Committee recruitment/retention.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Liaison Updates

Councillor Bligh provided an update on the 2023-26 Capital Plan and the need for public input on infrastructure projects such as sewers, lighting, and the Broadway Plan. She also sought the Committee's feedback on the Age-Friendly Motion referenced below (Item 7a).

Paul Czene, Staff Liaison, had no updates but reminded the Committee that he was available to answer any questions related to the Park Board.

7. New Business

a) Motion - Advancing Efforts for an Age-Friendly City of Vancouver

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, lead a brief discussion regarding the above-noted motion. The Committee agreed to write a letter supporting the motion, in principle, with the qualification that emphasis be placed on action rather than the creation of additional plans and reports. Eddy Elmer indicated he would register to speak to this motion at the Council meeting on January 25, 2022.

NOTE: Letter on file.

MOVED by Laura Dale
SECONDED by Katie Anne Reimer

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee write a letter of support for the Council Members' Motion entitled, "Advancing Efforts for an Age-Friendly City of Vancouver".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Serena Jackson
SECONDED by Bradley Sarandi

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 31, 2022
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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