



2SLGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 20, 2023

A meeting of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 5:31 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Saif Al Shamaa*
Eddy Elmer
Mathew Fleury*
Nathalie Adriana Funes Serna
Hana Hata
Ilaine Marjoribanks
Chris Morrissey
Bradley Sarandi
Taylor Scott*
Viplav Subramanian*

ABSENT: Tara Fraser (Leave of Absence)
Michael Yus (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Peter Meiszner, Council Liaison
Sonmin Bong, Equity Consultant, Equity Office, Staff
Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. 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

MOVED by Eddy Elmer
SECONDED by Chris Morrissey

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Tara Fraser and Michael Yus for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mathew Fleury and Taylor Scott absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Bradley Sarandi
SECONDED by Saif Al Shamaa

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 22, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mathew Fleury and Taylor Scott absent for the vote)

1. Chair/Vice-Chair Appointment

MOVED by Saif Al Shamaa
SECONDED by Bradley Sarandi

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee appoint Eddy Elmer and Nathalie Adriana Funes Serna as Co-Chairs from July 20, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Taylor Scott absent for the vote)

MOVED by Ilaine Marjoribanks
SECONDED by Mathew Fleury

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee appoint Viplav Subramanian as Vice-Chair from July 20, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Taylor Scott absent for the vote)

Modified Procedures

At this point in the meeting, it was

MOVED by Chris Morrissey
SECONDED by Nathalie Adriana Funes Serna

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee suspend the rule of section 15.13 of the Procedure By-law in order to allow modified decision-making methods during the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Taylor Scott absent for the vote)

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At this point in the proceedings, the Co-Chairs jointly assumed the Chair.

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2. Staff Presentation - Davie Street - Transportation and Public Space

Staff from Engineering Services provided a presentation on Davie Street - Transportation and Public Space and responded to questions and comments from Committee members.

Committee members discussed the need for the following:

- ensuring that Davie Village is a focus of the City's place-making initiatives;
- keeping the Village active after St. Paul's Hospital is relocated;
- improving the visual expression of the Village (e.g., creative lighting, multilingual signage, easy-to-read historical markers, and artwork by 2SLGBTQ+ residents);
- encouraging businesses and organizations to activate their street-fronts;
- adding comfortable and inviting street furniture that is protected from the elements;
- expanding the range of affordable events, meeting spaces, and social venues to appeal to more diverse communities, including new immigrants;
- holding more pop-up events (e.g., queer book exchanges);
- ensuring that people with intersecting identities are more actively consulted about the future of the Village.

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The Committee recessed at 6:35 pm and reconvened at 6:41 pm.

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3. Staff Presentation - TGD2S+ Housing and Services

Staff from Arts, Culture, and Community Services provided a presentation on TGD2S+ Housing and Services and responded to questions and comments from Committee members.

Committee members discussed the following:

- the need for consultation with representatives of diverse immigrant communities and asylum seekers (e.g., Rainbow Refugee);
- ensuring safety for transgender individuals with precarious immigration status;
- addressing barriers such as language issues, accessibility, and childcare;
- ensuring transgender individuals have more opportunities for leadership positions within housing and social service organizations.

4. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison briefly discussed the [Equity Framework Implementation Update](#).

5. Working Session Updates

Due to time constraints, this item was not dealt with.

6. Work Plan Discussion

The Committee discussed potential subcommittee and work plan topics.

7. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ilaine Marjoribanks
SECONDED by Eddy Elmer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Saif Al Shamaa and Viplav Subramanian absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2023
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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