



MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 7, 2013

A meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 5:49 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair
Manjot Bains*
Waldo Brino
Jay Catalan
Yvonne Chin
Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair
Paola Murillo*
Vivian Pan
Azim Wazeer

ABSENT: Nellie Cheng (Leave of Absence)
Mita Naidu
Jacky Essombe

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Ken Clement, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Councillor Kerry Jang, Council Liaison
Baldwin Wong, Social Planner, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Waldo Brino
SECONDED by Yvonne Chin

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approves a leave of absence for Nellie Cheng for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Manjot Bains and Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Waldo Brino
SECONDED by Yvonne Chin

THAT the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting of November 8, 2012, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Manjot Bains and Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

1. Community Forum on Elimination of Racism: Discussion and Approval

Miu Chung Yan provided an overview of the Community Forum on the Elimination of Racism that is currently being organized by the Dialogue Subcommittee. It was noted that the forum would use a small group discussion format with three predetermined questions proposed to attendees.

The Committee agreed to host the forum on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, advised that the Town Hall Room at City Hall has been reserved for the event.

The Committee discussed possible questions to pose at the forum and a new title for the event.

MOVED by Azim Wazeer
SECONDED by Vivian Pan

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee accepts the proposal (*circulated - on file*) from the Dialogue Subcommittee to host a community forum on the elimination of racism, subject to amendments to the questions to be posed at the forum and that a revised title for the event be created.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Subcommittees

(a) Community Mapping and Engagement Metrics

Waldo Brino provided an update noting that the Subcommittee agreed to study specific cases, such as community planning processes, to see how people were engaged and contacted. The purpose is to allow the Subcommittee to collect trends and develop data to help begin their work. The Public Engagement Supervisor met with the Subcommittee and reviewed their proposal to evaluate two cases of the City planning process that have been open for public consultation. Mr. Brino noted the subcommittee will be meeting with the Public Engagement Team in early spring to further discuss the details and actions of this project.

Councillor Jang spoke about the Planning Department's notification process for items scheduled for Public Hearing.

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, agreed to contact the Planning Department to inform them that the Multicultural Advisory Committee is interested in studying two of the community planning processes.

3. Welcoming Community Project

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided an overview of the "Welcoming Communities in Vancouver: a healthy and connected city" project. He outlined the five working groups to this project and the end-of-project summit to take place in early 2014.

Committee members interested in getting involved in one of the five working groups were asked to contact Mr. Wong.

4. Council Advisory Committees Online

The Committee agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

5. 2013 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Waldo Brino
SECONDED by Yvonne Chin

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approves the following Regular Meetings for 2013:

June 6 - Strathcona Meeting Room, Subground
October 3 - Strathcona Meeting Room, Subground
December 5 - Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor

Meetings to take place at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

a) Cultural Access Pass

The Committee reviewed the correspondence circulated by their Vancouver Public Library Liaison which highlighted a new Cultural Access Pass to be given to each Canadian citizen during their first year of citizenship.

b) Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD)

MOVED by Demitri Douzenis
SECONDED by Azim Wazeer

WHEREAS City staff present an annual update on initiatives regarding inclusion and multicultural initiatives undertaken by City departments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee recommends that this reporting should align with and utilize the framework and objectives of the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD), an initiative adopted by City Council in October 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

MOVED by Manjot Bains
SECONDED by Azim Wazeer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 6, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room,
Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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