



MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 2013

A meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 5:40 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair
Manjot Bains*
Nellie Cheng*
Yvonne Chin
Jacky Essombe
Paola Murillo*
Mita Naidu
Azim Wazeer
Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair

ABSENT: Jay Catalan (Leave of Absence)
Vivian Xudan Pan

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, City of Vancouver
Commissioner John Coupar, Vancouver Park Board

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

CONDOLENCES: Waldo Brino, Multicultural Advisory Committee and Engaged City Task Force

Members expressed condolences on the recent passing of Waldo Brino. Co-Chair Douzenis circulated a sympathy card for the Committee to sign which he will forward to Mr. Brino's wife.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Miu Chung Yan
SECONDED by Yvonne Chin

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approve a Leave of Absence for Jay Catalan for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Manjot Bains absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Azim Wazeer
SECONDED by Miu Chung Yan

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2013, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Manjot Bains absent for the vote)

1. Presentation of Mayor's Task Force on City Engagement

Councillor Andrea Reimer provided an update on the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, summarized the "Quick Start" recommendations and reviewed next steps.

In discussion, the Committee agreed to the following:

- invite task force members Sam Chen and Dennis Chan to the next Engagement Working Group meeting to review the "Quick Start" recommendations with members through the lens of multiculturalism; and
- review Vancouver Foundation's Report "*Connections and Engagement*":
<http://vancouverfoundation.ca/sites/default/files/documents/VanFdn-SurveyResults-Report.pdf>.

Councillor Reimer asked members to contact her should they identify specific communities to reach out to in implementing the "Quick Start" recommendations. She also noted that the Council of Council's meeting will be scheduled in November and that this subject will be included on the agenda.

Co-Chair Yan agreed to follow-up with the Staff Liaison on inviting the Vancouver Foundation to the December meeting to present their report "*Connections and Engagement*".

2. Community Forum Working Group: Report and Discussion of Future Plan

The Committee discussed next steps and it was agreed that Nellie Cheng call a working group meeting for late October in order to draft recommendations for the Committee's consideration at the December meeting.

3. Engagement Working Group Report

There was a discussion on the sub-committee's composition and responsibilities. The following members expressed an interest in joining:

Jacky Essombe
Mita Naidu

4. Joint Meeting with Urban Aboriginal People's Advisory Committee

Co-Chair Yan provided a brief summary and the Committee agreed to organize a joint meeting in early 2014.

5. 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule, plan for next 12 months

The Committee discussed the meeting schedule and whether to change from Thursdays to another day. Co-Chair Douzenis suggested this matter be referred to the December meeting to allow time for a more strategic review based on the Council meeting schedule.

6. Report from Liaisons

Commissioner John Coupar provided a brief update on the following Park Board matters:

- new monument in Seaforth Park to commemorate the black community;
- controversy surrounding the OneCard system - will report back;
- Hastings Park/PNE governance to continue under the PNE Board;
- Walk for Reconciliation;
- Stanley Park's 125th Anniversary celebrations; and
- a donation of 100 hydrangeas to plant around the city.

7. New Business

a) Komagata Maru

Manjot Bains noted the 100th Anniversary of the Komagata Maru in 2014, and reviewed events.

In response to questions, Ms. Bain agreed to follow-up with the Staff Liaison on City participation.

b) Nike Statue

Co-Chair Douzenis advised that staff are looking at a date in November for the unveiling of the Goddess Nike Statue at Cordova and Thurlow Streets, noting the Hellenic community is very proud of this long awaited event.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Miu Chung Yan
SECONDED by Azim Wazeer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Nellie Cheng and Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, December 5, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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