



MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 10, 2014

A meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee was held on April 10, 2014, at 5:43 pm, in Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair
Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair
Manjot Bains
Angela Brown
Yvonne Chin
Jacky Essombe
Mita Naidu*
Azim Wazeer*

ABSENT: Jay Catalan
Nellie Cheng (Leave of Absence)
Paola Murillo (Leave of Absence)
Vivian Pan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Kerry Jang, Council Liaison
Councillor Tony Tang
Baldwin Wong, Social Policy, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Miu Chung Yan
SECONDED by Jackie Essombe

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Nellie Cheng, Paola Murillo and Vivian Pan for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Azim Wazeer absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Manjot Bains
SECONDED by Miu Chung Yan

THAT the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting of February 12, 2014, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Azim Wazeer absent for the vote)

1. Presentation: Diversity@Work Initiative

Joan Andersen, Director of Employment, MOSAIC and Chair, Welcoming Communities Inclusive Working Group, provided a presentation and overview of the Diversity at Work Project and responded to questions.

2. Welcoming Communities Summit and Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Update

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the Welcoming Communities Summit that was held on March 4, 2014. Key areas that the Summit covered included: Community Action Circles, Development of Blueprint for Collaboration, Newcomers Guide to Vancouver, Newcomers Guide for First Peoples and Workplace Diversity.

MOVED by Miu Chung Yan
SECONDED by Manjot Bains

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee requests that a member of the Committee be appointed to the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration due to shared interests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mita Naidu absent for the vote)

3. Discussion: Sanctuary City

Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair, provided a brief background on the idea of Sanctuary City. The Committee agreed to postpone discussion to a future meeting.

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, informed the Committee of an upcoming forum on May 8, 2014, by the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration regarding Sanctuary City. Several members expressed interest in participating and agreed to meet before the forum to discuss the matter further.

4. Anti-Racism Recommendation

Councillor Kerry Jang, Council Liaison, reviewed the recommendations put forward by the Multicultural Advisory Committee at its February 12, 2014, meeting and suggested more clear and concrete recommendations need to be put forward in order to move forward.

The Committee agreed to carry this item forward to the May 21, 2014, meeting to discuss this matter further and see what actions can be taken.

5. Connection Sub-Committee

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

6. Roundtable Discussion

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

7. Reports from Liaisons

None.

8. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Miu Chung Yan
SECONDED by Azim Wazeer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mita Naidu absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2014
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room #1
3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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