



RACIAL AND ETHNO-CULTURAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 6, 2023

A meeting of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 5:41 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Steph Kallstrom, Chair
Harjot Banwait
Victoria Barclay
Alexandra Gunn
Steph Kallstrom
Alemu Nenko
Jeanette Oostlander
Ajay Puri
Lydia Tang
Pavandeep Toor
Naina Varshney

ABSENT: Nimrah Anwar
Mo Rafiq (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Councillor Lenny Zhou, Council Liaison
Wilma Clarke, Social Policy, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk
Olivia Kam, Meeting Coordinator

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 Steph Kallstrom
SECONDED by Lydia Tang

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Mo Rafiq, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Naina Varshney
SECONDED by Victoria Barclay

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 08, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY AGENDA

At this point in the proceedings, it was

*MOVED by Steph Kallstrom
SECONDED by Naina Varshney*

THAT the agenda be varied in order to hear Item 3. Liaison Updates, prior to Item 2. Commemoration Framework.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

Note: for ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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1. Chair/Vice-Chair Appointment

MOVED by Jeanette Oostlander
SECONDED by Alemu Nenko

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee appoint Steph Kallstrom as Chair and Naina Varshney as Vice-Chair for this meeting only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Liaison Updates

Councillors Fry and Zhou, Council Liaisons introduced themselves, provided updates and responded to questions and comments. Wilma Clarke, Staff Liaison, ceded their time to Ben Pollard, Director of Business Planning and Project Support, to provide an update on hiring a Strategic Lead for Seniors Stakeholder Engagement.

2. Commemoration Framework

Staff from Arts, Culture, and Community Services and the Vancouver Board of Parks, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

4. Working Session Updates

The Chair provided an update on the working session held Thursday, June 08, 2023, at which Committee members received information on Committee procedures and City work related to the Committee.

5. Work Plan Discussion

The Committee engaged in discussion on a list of possible objectives for a work plan, and agreed to further develop priorities at the next meeting.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Naina Varshney
SECONDED by Lydia Tang

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 7, 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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