



VANCOUVER FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 12, 2024

A meeting of the Vancouver Food Policy Council was held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 5:43 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Michelle Reining, Chair
Kae Yee Tsai, Co-Chair
Charlyn Black
Emily Burkholder
Sharon Dong
Katherine Feng*
Liana Glass*
Cathy Ha
Ananya Huria
Michael Kurtz*
Ash Mirnabavi*
Yael Stav
Lillian Yin

ABSENT: Leona Brown
Jordan Bultitude
Robert Clark (Leave of Absence)
Bree Hayden

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Henry Lau, Social Planner, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair 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 Sharon Dong
SECONDED by Charlyn Black

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve a leave of absence for Robert Clark, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Liana Glass and Ash Mirnabavi absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Charlyn Black
SECONDED by Michael Kurtz

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, July 18, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Liana Glass and Ash Mirnabavi absent for the vote)

1. “Closing the Gap”

Councillor Carr provided a brief update on the Food Systems Funding motion that was unanimously passed by Council in July.

2. Partnerships for Healthy Cities

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services provided a presentation on Partnerships for Healthy Cities, and responded to questions.

3. Findings from the “Good Food Project”

Isabela Bonnevera, PhD Candidate, ICTA-UAB and SFU, and Dr. Wallapak Polasub, Research and Extension Program Manager, Institute for Sustainable Food Systems, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, along with Photovoice participants, provided a presentation on the “Good Food” Project – Newcomer/immigrant perspectives on the food system in Metro Vancouver, and responded to questions.

4. Introduction from Anisha Sandhu (Surrey Food Advocacy Group)

Anisha Sandhu, Food Literacy Coordinator, Seeds of Change Surrey, provided a presentation on Seeds of Change Surrey and the Black, African, Caribbean Advisory Committee at the City of Surrey, and responded to questions.

5. Liaison Updates

The Council Liaison and Staff Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

6. Working Group Updates

None.

7. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Emily Burkholder
SECONDED by Kae Yee Tsai

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Katherine Feng, Michael Kurtz and Ash Mirnabavi absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 28, 2024
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall / Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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