



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 17, 2014

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee (WAC) was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 5:31 pm in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Williams, Chair
Fiona McFarlane, Vice-Chair
Kamal Basra
Ingrid Kolsteren
Erica Pinsky
Rhonda Sherwood
Marion Smith
Julie Wong

ABSENT: Anastasia Gaisenok (Leave of Absence)
Jarrah Hodge (Leave of Absence)
Paria Saremi (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Andrea Radlovacki, Intern, Women's Advisory Committee

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Fiona McFarlane
SECONDED by Marion Smith

THAT Anastasia Gaisenok, Jarrah Hodge and Paria Saremi be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Ingrid Kolsteren
SECONDED by Erica Pinsky

THAT the Minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on April 8, 2014, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Speaker - Anne Nickerson

Anne Nickerson, Director, Equal Opportunity Program, provided an overview of the "Equity and Inclusion in our Cities" project, and summarized what was discussed during the meetings held in Ottawa on May 28 and 29, 2014, noting the following:

- Project dates
- Funding
- Project partners
- Objective of partnership
- Progress to date

Ms. Nickerson also responded to questions.

2. Vacancy on WAC

Wendy Williams noted that Genesa Greening has resigned from the Committee and that a replacement member will be announced shortly.

3. Women's History Month

Erica Pinsky, Marion Smith and Fiona McFarlane provided an update on the event to take place on October 20, 2014. A save the date notice will be sent to all City of Vancouver civic agencies and advisory bodies.

4. Council of Councils Meeting

Wendy Williams reminded the Committee that the next Council of Councils meeting will be open to all Committee members and will be taking place on November 24, 2014.

5. Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Women

Wendy Williams expressed concern that there has not been much progress since the joint meeting with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Committee. WAC members committed to finding contacts in the community that may be able to help with the initiatives set at the joint Committee meeting.

6. Vancouver School Board Policies on Gender Variance

MOVED by Rhonda Sherwood
SECONDED by Erica Pinsky

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee supports the revisions made to the Vancouver School Board's Policy and Regulations: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities (ACB and ACB R-1) dated June 10, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Note from Meeting Coordinator: A copy of Marion Smith's presentation to the Vancouver School Board on the above topic will be kept on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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7. City of Vancouver (CoV) Healthy City Strategy Update

Rhonda Sherwood shared her experience of participating in round two of the "Talk Healthy City for All" idea lab she attended on June 6, 2014.

8. Gender Budgeting Café

Ingrid Kolsteren, Kamal Basra and Andrea Radlovacki reported that the Gender Budgeting Café held on June 5, 2014, had great attendance levels and that positive feedback was received.

9. Meeting with Finance Department

Kamal Basra and Andrea Radlovacki spoke about the very successful meeting they had with the General Manager of Financial Services and Financial Services staff on gender budgeting.

10. Thank you to Andrea Radlovacki

Wendy Williams thanked Andrea Radlovacki for her contributions to the Women's Advisory Committee over the past year as an intern.

11. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Erica Pinsky
SECONDED by Ingrid Kolsteren

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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