



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 1, 2015

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 5:50 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Miranda Mandarino, Chair
Erin Arnold
Cleta Brown*
Lindsay Clark
Anastasia Gaisenok
Sharon Lau
Fiona McFarlane
Miriam Palacios
Rhonda Sherwood, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Terran Bell (Leave of Absence)
Desaraigh Byers
Andrea Canales Figueroa (Leave of Absence)
Erica Pinsky (Leave of Absence)
Niki Sharma (Leave of Absence)
Julie Wong (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Joy Alexander, School Board Liaison
Deb Gale, Manager, HR Business Partnerships, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Acknowledgement

The Chair welcomed members to the Committee and recognized the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Anastasia Gaisenok
SECONDED by Erin Arnold

THAT Terran Bell, Andrea Canales Figueroa, Erica Pinsky, Niki Sharma, and Julie Wong, be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Cleta Brown absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Fiona McFarlane
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT the Minutes of the July 14, 2015, Women's Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Cleeta Brown absent for the vote)

1. Presentation on the Equity Strategy

Ellen Woodsworth, former City Councillor, provided a presentation on "Advancing Equity and Inclusion: a Guide for Municipalities". She noted the guide was authored by City for All Women Initiative (CAWI) who worked with many partners, including Women Transforming Cities and the City of Vancouver, in the creation of the guide.

The Guide can be found at the link below:

http://www.cawi-ivtf.org/sites/default/files/publications/advancing-equity-inclusion-web_0.pdf

Ms. Woodsworth also provided an overview of the Women Transforming Cities (WTC) organization, where she is a member of the board. She noted the history of WTC and initiatives such as the Hot Pink Paper Campaign and monthly cafes held in different neighbourhoods to discuss issues that affect city life for women and girls. Ms. Woodsworth also responded to questions.

2. Presentation on the Seaside Greenway

Karla Kloepper, Planning Assistant, Active Transportation, provided a presentation on the Seaside Greenway Completion - Point Grey Road project, including a brief on phase 1 of the project that was completed in 2014, options to improve walking and public realm connections, public consultation to date, and the traffic management plan. Ms. Kloepper also responded to questions regarding lighting. The Committee was asked to email any feedback on the project to Ms. Kloepper.

3. Presentation on the 10th Avenue Corridor

Dylan Passmore, Civil Engineer, Active Transportation, provided a presentation on the 10th Avenue Corridor Project, including improving the comfort and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, addressing safety concerns for all road users, and accommodating the loading and access needs of businesses and institutions. He noted the most difficult portion of the project will be the section around VGH and the project will be launching in October 2016. Mr. Passmore also responded to questions.

4. Follow up on Action Items

Deb Gale, Staff Liaison, noted Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services will be presenting at a future Committee meeting.

5. Policies and Procedures

a) Sharing of Contact Information

Committee members agreed to share their contact information with each other. Members were asked to provide their contact details to the Chair or on Basecamp, and once completed the Meeting Coordinator would update the current list and distribute to members.

b) Emergency Contact Information

Committee members agreed to also provide an emergency contact on the Contact Information list for members.

c) Speaking to Items at Meetings

The Committee agreed no changes were needed to the protocol of speaking at meetings.

d) Committee Guidelines

The Meeting Coordinator reviewed the Guidelines for Civic Agencies.

e) Creating New Committee Guidelines

The Committee agreed to continue the discussion of creating additional guidelines for members at the next Working Session.

The Committee agreed to have an acknowledgement of the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations at the beginning of each meeting, and to make a note about the safe space in which the meeting occurs.

6. Subcommittee Updates and Next Steps

a) Women's History Month

Commissioner Evans provided an update on the Committee's Women's History Month event to take place on October 15, 2015, at 7 pm, in the Council Chamber. She noted the theme for the event is Women in Sport and four speakers for the event have been confirmed.

b) Leadership

Rhonda Sherwood provided an overview of the objective of the subcommittee. She noted the subcommittee will determine next steps once information is gathered.

c) Violence Against Women

No update.

d) Pay Equity

Lindsay Clark noted the subcommittee is currently gathering information to help define its goals. Committee members offered suggestions as to where to gather information on this topic.

7. New Business

a) Young Women Subcommittee

Anastasia Gaisenok noted the subcommittee is currently accepting applications for members and the deadline for submissions is September 11, 2015.

b) Volunteer

Julie Lim, Women's Advisory Committee intern, provided background information on herself and noted her areas of interest in the Committee's work.

c) Facebook

Committee members were asked to follow the Committees Facebook page and submit new ideas for posts to Ms. Sherwood.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Erin Arnold
SECONDED by Anastasia Gaisenok

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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