



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 25, 2016

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on October 25, 2016, at 5:35 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Miranda Mandarino, Chair
Erin Arnold
Desaraigh Byers
Andrea Canales Figueroa
Lindsay Clark
Sharon Lau
Fiona McFarlane
Najmah Mohamed
Christine O'Fallon
Niki Sharma
- ABSENT:** Terran Bell (Sick Leave)
Miriam Palacios (Sick Leave)
Shirley Ross, (Leave of Absence)
Rhonda Sherwood, Vice Chair (Leave of Absence)
Julie Wong
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

Acknowledgement

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

The Chair also acknowledged the safe space in which the meeting occurs.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Erin Arnold
SECONDED by Niki Sharma

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee grant leaves of absence to Shirley Ross and Rhonda Sherwood, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Andrea Canales Figueroa
SECONDED by Sharon Lau

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting held on July 5, 2016, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Presentation - Healthy City Strategy Update

Keltie Craig, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects Division, provided an update on the Healthy City Strategy, and highlighted goals, challenges, actions, indicators and targets for this initiative.

A link to the Healthy City Strategy is available at the following link:
vancouver.ca/healthycity4all

2. Next Steps - Healthy City Strategy

Following the "Healthy City Strategy Update" presentation, Keltie Craig, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects Division, responded to questions from the group.

3. Presentation - Gender Equality Strategy

Christina Medland, Director, Organizational Development and Strategic Initiatives, and Anne Nickerson, Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, provided an update on the Gender Equality Strategy, and noted that staff will be working with the Women's Advisory Committee to establish a process for reviewing and updating the 2005 Gender Equality Strategy.

A link to the 2005 Gender Equality Strategy is available at the following link:
<http://vancouver.ca/docs/council/WomensAdvisoryCttee-genderequality.pdf>

4. Next Steps - Gender Equality Strategy

Following the "Gender Equality Strategy" presentation, Christina Medland and Anne Nickerson, responded to questions which centered on the proposed work plan for approaching the Gender Equality Strategy initiative with a renewed focus.

5. New Business

a) Vancouver School Board (VSB) Liaison

The Committee agreed to draft a letter to the Minister of Education concerning this matter.

b) Updates

Councillor Reimer reminded members of the upcoming appointments to Civic Agencies and Committees, and responded to questions from the group.

Adjournment

MOVED by Lindsay Clark
SECONDED by Fiona McFarlane

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, December 6, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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