



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 22, 2018

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 5:37 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Miranda Mandarino, Chair
Erin Arnold
Terran Bell
Missy Johnson
Christine O'Fallon
Paola Quiros
Shirley Ross
Andrea Thompson

ABSENT: Desaraigh Byers (Leave of Absence)
Andrea Canales Figueroa (Leave of Absence)
Lindsay Clark (Leave of Absence)
Najmah Mohamed (Leave of Absence)
Rebecca McNeil (Leave of Absence)
Margot Sangster (Leave of Absence)
Rhonda Sherwood (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Jessica West, Young Women Committee

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Swanston, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

Andrea Thompson acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

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

The meeting began with a icebreaker roundtable of members sharing facts about the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Shirley Ross
SECONDED by Missy Johnson

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve leaves of absences for Desaraigh Byers, Andrea Canales Figueroa, Lindsay Clark, Najmah Mohamed, Rebecca McNeil, Margot Sangster, and Rhonda Sherwood;

FURTHER THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approves a leave of absence for Desaraigh Byers for the July 31, 2018, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Shirley Ross
SECONDED by Paola Quiros

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 21, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Presentation: Outdoor Lighting Strategy

Jason Hsieh, Sustainability Specialist, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, presented an update on the Outdoor Lighting Strategy from the Committee's initial presentation in January. Mr. Hsieh commented on advances in lighting technology and outlined the proposed approach, guidelines and considerations, and the decision framework. Mr. Hsieh, along with Brad Badelt, Acting Assistant Director, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, responded to questions and comments. Staff noted a final Strategy will be presented to advisory bodies before a report goes to Council in the fall.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Overall pleased with the presentation's content and responsiveness to initial feedback.
- Importance of the intersectional lens.
- Suggestions to reach out to stakeholders.

The Chair asked Mr. Hsieh how the Committee can support the Strategy; Mr. Hsieh noted that the Committee can share the Talk Vancouver survey and the June Open House event with their personal networks, and once the Strategy is finalized, a motion of support from the Committee would be welcome.

2. Motion to approve the Young Women Subcommittee Letter on Comfort Stations

MOVED by Paola Quiros
SECONDED by Terran Bell

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve for a letter to be sent to Vancouver City Council from the Young Women Subcommittee, regarding a letter in support of equal access to Comfort Stations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Liaison Updates

None.

4. Subcommittee Updates

Missy Johnson, Gender Wage Gap Subcommittee noted the Committee will receive a mini-presentation at the next meeting.

Christine O'Fallon, Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Subcommittee, will be discussing ideas with colleagues regarding the campaign rollout in the fall.

- It was noted that the UN Women's website has awareness raising ideas and suggestion.
- Campaign likely to take place to align with the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in November/December.

The Chair commented that preliminary funding has been discussed with Councillor Reimer in regards to Intersectionality training for the Committee. Details are being finalized and will be shared with the Committee when available.

It was noted that the Intersectionality Subcommittee is waiting for the City to progress on the Intersectionality Framework RFP development and implementation to move forward.

Shirley Ross, Leadership Subcommittee, will touch base with the Chair regarding the Work Plan.

5. New Business

a) Women Transforming Cities

It was noted that the Women Transforming Cities (WTC), is still working with women in the city to determining barriers. WTC is also gearing up to launch the Hot Pink Paper campaign in advance of the upcoming election.

b) Member update

Terran Bell, who recently returned from a trip to Ireland, noted that Ireland is voting in a referendum on May 25, to repeal a law which states a fetus has the same right to life as the mother, effectively making abortions illegal in the country.

Adjournment

MOVED by Shirley Ross
SECONDED by Andrea Thompson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, July 31, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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