



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 5:34 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Amy Robichaud, Co-Chair
Haida Antolick
Anita Fellman
Nazma Lee
Serena Mohammed
Andaleeb Morales
Essya Nabbali
Farron Rickerby-Nishi
Elizabeth Samuels
Sairoz Sekhon
Cayleigh Shiff
Andrea Thompson

ABSENT: Vicki Bright (Leave of Absence)
Krysta Coyle
Jyotika Dangwal (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Therese Boullard, Staff Liaison
Trustee Lois Chan-Pedley, Vancouver School Board
Liaison
Sonmin Bong, Social Planner, Social Policy & Projects
Division

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

Co-Chair, Amy Robichaud, acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Essya Nabbali
SECONDED by Farron Rickerby-Nishi

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approves a leave of absence for Vicki Bright and Jyotika Dangwal for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Serena Mohammed
SECONDED by Anita Fellman

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approves the Minutes from the meeting of September 7, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Presentation: UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces initiative

Sonmin Bong, Social Planner, Social Policy & Projects Division, acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and provided a presentation on the UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces initiative within the City of Vancouver and responded to questions and comments.

2. Work Plan Approval

Committee members indicated that they would like some extra time to polish the Work Plan for 2022 and agreed to approve it on the first regular meeting of the Committee on January 11, 2022.

3. Subcommittees Updates

Anita Fellman updated the Committee on the following work of Childcare and Support for Caregivers Subcommittee:

- Subcommittee met with Councillor De Genova to discuss childcare initiatives.
- Subcommittee aims to work with the City of Vancouver to accelerate building of childcare centers.
- Subcommittee recognizes the need to push various stakeholders to increase the childcare within the city of Vancouver.

Farron Rickerby-Nishi provided the Committee with the main objectives of the Creating Safety Subcommittee:

- Respond to the needs of those facing gender-based violence through an intersectional, action-oriented approach.
- Uplift and support voices of local communities and organizations that support women and marginalized genders.
- Support initiatives that take tangible action for MMIWG2S, sex workers, and other marginalized identities.

Farron Rickerby-Nishi indicated that the Subcommittee is seeking ways to establish connections with Council and City staff to work in collaboration with one another on the objectives identified above.

Nazma Lee identified main objectives of the City Planning Subcommittee:

- Utilizing intersectional lens in naming the civic assets.

- Review the implementation of the Phase 2 Equity Framework and figuring how the Women's Advisory Committee can fit into that work.
- Developing relationships with the City staff and Council and understanding what work the City has already done in regards to housing issues.

4. Approval of 2022 Meeting Schedule

Postponed until the next regular meeting. Request made to city staff to confirm that meeting schedule is developed following a process to identify and avoid setting meetings on days of cultural significance.

5. Liaison Updates

Lois Chan-Pedley provided brief updates on Vancouver School Board work.

Therese Boullard shared updates on the Accessibility Strategy Report.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Haida Antolick
SECONDED by

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: January 11, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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