



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 12, 2022

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 5:36 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Amy Robichaud, Co-Chair
Haida Antolick
Anita Fellman
Nazma Lee
Serena Mohammed
Farron Rickerby-Nishi*
Sairoz Sekhon
Andrea Thompson

ABSENT: Jyotika Dangwal (Leave of Absence)
Cayleigh Shiff
Cindy Switzer
Andaleeb Morales

ALSO PRESENT: Sonmin Bong, EDI Consultant, Equity Office, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Welcome/Acknowledgement

The Co-Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Amy Robichaud
SECDONDED by Serena Mohammed

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the agenda for July 12, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Farron Rickerby-Nishi absent for the vote)

1. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Nazma Lee
SECONDED by Haida Antolick

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Jyotika Dangwal for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Farron Rickerby-Nishi absent for the vote)

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Andrea Thompson
SECONDED by Anita Fellman

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of May 24, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Farron Rickerby-Nishi absent for the vote)

3. Presentation – Women Transforming Cities

Mahtab Laghaei provided an overview of Women Transforming Cities, an organization founded by former Vancouver City Councillor Ellen Woodsworth. Mahtab reviewed community engagement sessions including the [hot pink paper campaign](#) and goals, and sought input on how the Committee can support the organization.

In discussion, Mahtab responded to the following questions/comments in relation to the community engagement sessions:

- how Childcare fits in;
- demographics of respondents;
- watch Council process; how the Committee could be involved; and
- all candidate panel; how the Committee could support.

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The Committee recessed at 6:22 pm and reconvened at 6:33 pm.

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4. Co-Chair Election

Committee members had an opportunity to nominate themselves or others for the open Co-Chair role, however, no nominations were received.

5. Approve Action Plan

The Co-Chair sought the Committee's approval of the draft Action Plan.

MOVED by Nazma Lee

SECONDED by Farron Rickerby-Nishi

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Action Plan as presented at its meeting on July 12, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Ratify Letter on Childcare

The Co-Chair sought the Committee's approval of the Letter on Childcare.

MOVED by Haida Antolick

SECONDED by Nazma Lee

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Letter to Council on Childcare.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Ratify Letter on Council Motion

The Co-Chair provided opening comments and sought the Committee's approval of the letter to Council regarding the motion entitled "Street Care, Not Street Sweeps: Ending Daily Displacement in Vancouver".

MOVED by Andrea Thompson

SECONDED by Anita Fellman

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the letter to Council regarding the motion entitled "Street Care, Not Street Sweeps: Ending Daily Displacement in Vancouver".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the last Staff Liaisons meeting and sought the Committee's input on whether there is a desire to continue the conversation. Points raised included the following:

- discussion involved 'lessons learned this term';

- key themes included:
 - better transition between committees;
 - building on the work from previous terms;
 - creation of an online hub for resource sharing; and
 - providing staff with feedback on onboarding new members.

Committee members agreed with the Co-Chair's suggestion to add this topic to the September agenda as the first item. The Co-Chair will also work with the Staff Liaison before the September meeting on ways to support the Equity Office.

9. Subcommittees Updates

a. Creating Safety

Andrea Thompson and Farron Rickerby-Nishi provided an update on the last subcommittee meeting held in May. Discussion included anti-harassment and other projects, as well as tangible action items.

b. Childcare and Support for Caregivers

Nazma Lee and Anita Fellman provided an update on the Childcare Strategy presented to Council June 8, 2022, as follows:

- letter in support submitted to Council
- Nazma registered to speak; Council very appreciative;
- following the Council meeting, met with City Staff to discuss next steps and how the Committee can support; as this is an election year, work is on hold until Q1 2023;
- City Staff are enthusiastic with the creation of this subcommittee;
- should consider looking at all candidates meeting and any City-arranged candidate debates before the end of term.

In discussion, the Staff Liaison agreed to follow-up with the Deputy Chief Election Officer, Tamarra Wong, in regard to coordinating Committee involvement in the All Candidates meetings. The Co-Chair noted that Childcare seems under represented which is a good reason for subcommittee members to be present at the All Candidates meetings. It was noted the Creating Safety subcommittee could be more involved in the All Candidates meetings re: \$10/day Committee.

10. New Business

a. Ratify Rezoning Letter on Social Housing

The Co-Chair sought the Committee's approval of the Rezoning Letter on Social Housing sent to Council on June 28, 2022.

MOVED by Nazma Lee
SECONDED by Farron Rickerby-Nishi

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Rezoning Letter on Social Housing sent to Council on June 28, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Missing and Murdered Women

In response to a question, the Staff Liaison will follow-up on the timing of the Council Report and availability to the public.

c. Accessibility Strategy

In response to a question, the Staff Liaison advised the Council Report is scheduled for July 19, 2022, and will be available to the public July 13, 2022.

d. Committee members wishing to reapply

There was a brief discussion on members wishing to reapply in the Fall.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Haida Antolick
SECONDED by Anita Fellman

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Webex / Cascadia Room
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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