



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 18, 2023

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 5:30 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Morrell Andrews
Tara Dachek
Tamana Karimi
Nazma Lee
Serena Mohammed
Molly Needham
Alida Oegema Thomas
Avani Patel
Felicia Phan
Amy Robichaud
Lina Thompson
Gina Weaver*

ALSO PRESENT: Shabna Ali, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies
Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Manager, Civic Agencies, acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Amy Robichaud
SECONDED by Serena Mohammed

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, September 13, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair/Vice-Chair Appointment

MOVED by Alida Oegema Thomas
SECONDED by Morrell Andrews

THAT Amy Robichaud be appointed Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee until the beginning of the next regular meeting on September 19, 2023;

FURTHER THAT Avani Patel be appointed Vice-Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee until the beginning of the next regular meeting on September 19, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the meeting, Amy Robichaud assumed the Chair.

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2. Commemoration Framework

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Park Board presented on the Commemoration Framework and responded to questions.

3. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided an update and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Alida Oegema Thomas
SECONDED by Morrell Andrews

WHEREAS:

1. The Planner II position that was overseeing the [UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces initiative](#) has been vacant since February 2022;
2. The Women's Advisory Committee is concerned that the City of Vancouver is at risk of withdrawing from the UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces initiative;
3. Vancouver City Council is actively prioritizing the revitalization of the Granville Street and Granville Entertainment District, which engenders known risks to the safety of women and gender-diverse individuals;
4. The [Women's Equity Strategy \(2018 – 2028\)](#), which was unanimously adopted by the Vancouver City Council on [January 17, 2018](#), contains a commitment to participate in the UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces initiative under the priority of women's safety in Phase I;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Women's Advisory Committee recommend that Vancouver City Council continue funding a permanent Planner II position that oversees work related to the UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces initiative, conduct the search for the position and staff it with urgency, and ensure that the work is funded on an ongoing basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Gina Weaver absent for the vote)

4. Working Session Update

The Chair provided an update on the working session held Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

5. Work Plan Discussion

The Committee decided to postpone the development of a work plan and priorities for the term to the next regular meeting.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Felicia Phan
SECONDED by Avani Patel

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Gina Weaver absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:30

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