



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 19, 2023

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 5:46 pm, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Amy Robichaud, Chair
Morrell Andrews
Nazma Lee
Serena Mohammed
Alida Oegema Thomas
Molly Needham
Felicia Phan

ABSENT: Tara Dachek (Leave of Absence)
Tamana Karimi
Avani Patel (Leave of Absence)
Lina Thompson (Leave of Absence)
Gina Weaver

ALSO PRESENT: Carla Suarez, Social Planner, Community and Gender Safety Unit, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Ana Denissenko, Acting Manager, Civic Agencies
Kirsty Colquhoun, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The Acting Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-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

MOVED by Felicia Phan
SECONDED by Nazma Lee

THAT the Committee approve a Leave of Absence request for Tara Dachek, Lina Thompson and Avani Patel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Morrell Andrews

SECONDED by Alida Oegema Thomas

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, July 18, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

MOVED by Alida Oegema Thomas
SECONDED by Nazma Lee

THAT Amy Robichaud be appointed as Co-Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee for the duration of the term ending December 31, 2024;

FURTHER THAT a second Co-Chair be appointed at the next official Committee meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT the term length for the second Co-Chair be variable in length.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Work Plan Discussion

MOVED by Felicia Phan
SECONDED by Serena Mohammed

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee request that external Liaisons from the Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Public Library and the Vancouver School Board be invited to participate and provide regular updates in Committee meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee engaged in discussion about the Work Plan.

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At 6:32 pm, Amy Robichaud relinquished the Chair to Alida Oegema Thomas to enable participation in the Committee conversation.

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3. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided an update and responded to questions.

4. Subcommittee Updates

None.

5. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Nazma Lee
SECONDED by Felicia Phan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, November 21, 2023
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:22 pm

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