



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 21, 2023

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 5:44 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

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

ABSENT: Tara Dachek (Leave of Absence)
Tamana Karimi (Absent)
Alida Oegema Thomas (Leave of Absence)
Avani Patel (Leave of Absence)
Lina Thompson (Absent)

ALSO PRESENT: Carla Suarez, Social Planner III, Team Lead, Anti-Racism, Equity and Accessibility, Social Policy and Projects Division, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kirsty Colquhoun, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The 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 Nazma Lee
SECONDED by Alexandra Gunn

THAT the Committee approve Leave of Absence requests for Tara Dachek, Alida Oegema Thomas and Avani Patel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Morrell Andrews
SECONDED by Felicia Phan

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Gastown Public Spaces Plan – Presentation

Staff from Engineering provided a presentation on the Gastown Public Spaces Plan and responded to questions from the Committee.

2. Work Plan Discussion

The Committee engaged in discussion about the Work Plan and agreed to provide a completed Work Plan by the January 30, 2024, meeting.

3. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided an updates on the following and responded to questions:

- Recruitment for a Community and Gender Safety 1 position;
- [Childcare Strategy Implementation Phase 1 Update and Next Steps](#) Report going to Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 29, 2023;
- [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls \(MMIWG\)](#) portfolio has moved to the City of Vancouver's Indigenous Relations Department;

4. Working Session Updates

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Nazma Lee
SECONDED Felicia Phan

THAT Molly Needham be a Representative Speaker at the City of Vancouver [2024 Draft Operating Budget meeting](#) on December 5th, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED by Serena Mohammed
SECONDED by Molly Needham

THAT the Committee extend the meeting past 7:30 pm to complete all of the items on the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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5. Subcommittee Updates

The Committee discussed forming Subcommittees.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Morrell Andrews
SECONDED by Molly Needham

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee form the following subcommittees:

- Gender Based Violence
- Childcare

FURTHER THAT the following members be appointed to the Gender Based Violence Subcommittee:

- Morrell Andrews
- Alida Oegema Thomas
- Serena Mohammed
- Molly Needham
- Avani Patel

FURTHER THAT the following members be appointed to the Childcare Subcommittee:

- Nazma Lee
- Felicia Phan
- Amy Robichaud
- Lina Thompson

FURTHER THAT additional names can be added to each subcommittee at a future meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT Chairs for each subcommittee to be appointed at a future meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

MOVED by Serena Mohammed
SECONDED by Felicia Phan

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee formally request a staff liaison from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) to provide ongoing updates at future meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Alexandra Gunn
SECONDED by Morrell Andrews

THAT Women's Advisory Committee endorse the [motion](#) moved by the Racial and Ethno-Cultural and Equity Advisory Committee at their meeting on November 9, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Felicia Phan
SECONDED by Nazma Lee

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2024
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:45 pm

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