



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) was held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 5:34 pm, in Town Hall – Room 110, Main Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Aaron Leung, Chair
Cheryl Andre
Leah Bae*
Clark Childerhose
Jane Childerhose
Janice Douglas
Maeve Downing
Rylan Huckabone
Mab Oloman
Anthony Santelices
Richard Wang
Eric Wong
Joy Zhou
Grace Zhu

ABSENT:

Nico Cullen-McKnight (Leave of Absence)
Emma Fineblit (Leave of Absence)
Lena Hozaima
Vivian Tsang (Leave of Absence)
Christy Lo (Leave of Absence)
Anna Zhang

ALSO PRESENT:

Trustee Lisa Dominato, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library
Erica Mark, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Park Board
Anita Rudolph, Liaison, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Joy Zhou
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on January 11, 2018, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Cheryl Andre
SECONDED by Joy Zhou

THAT Nico Cullen-McKnight, Emma Fineblit, Christy Lo and Vivian Tsang be granted Leaves of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Introductions

The Chair welcomed new committee members and roundtable introductions followed.

2. High Density Family Housing Guidelines Update

Eóin O'Connor, Planner, Housing Policy, and Edna Cho, Planner, Housing Policy provided an update on the guidelines for high density housing for families with children, and responded to questions.

Talk Vancouver survey on designing apartments for children: vancouver.ca/familyroom

3. Single Use Disposable Items Update

Andrew Martin, Planning Assistant, Solid Waste Strategic Services, and Katie O'Callaghan, Communications Coordinator, Public Engagement, provided an update on the single-use item reduction strategy, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Janice Douglas

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee support the Draft Single-Use Items Strategy; and

FURTHER THAT the Committee send a letter to Mayor and Council expressing its support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Arbutus Greenway Update**

Akber Pabani, Project Engineer, Arbutus Greenway, and Danielle Enright, Planning Assistant, Arbutus Greenway, provided a presentation on the progress of the Arbutus Greenway project as well as an overview of next steps.

5. **Vancouver School Board Budget Response**

The Committee discussed a response to the Vancouver School Board's 2018-2019 Draft Operating Budget.

MOVED by Leah Bae

SECONDED by Aaron Leung

- A. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee support the following stakeholder feedback, recommendations and concerns in regard to the School Board's 2018-2019 Draft Operating Budget:
 - a. Vancouver District Student Council's Stakeholder feedback;
 - b. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers Association's concerns regarding the reduction of Non-Enrolling Teachers (resources teachers, teacher-librarians, school counsellors);
 - c. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers Association's concerns regarding the reduction of Adult Education resources (reduction from six sites to two);
 - d. Vancouver Secondary Teachers Association's budget submission to the Vancouver Board of Education dated April 24, 2018.

- B. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee suggest that the Vancouver Board of Education consider the following to better support students and teachers and foster an inclusive and supportive learning environment:
 - a. Restore programs cut in previous years;
 - b. Advocate to the Minister of Education to provide increased funding for school supplies and improvements.

- C. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to the Vancouver Board of Education in response to its initial 2018-2019 Draft Operating Budget expressing the concerns outlined in A to C above; and

FURTHER THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee write a letter to the School Trustees in response to revisions made to the 2018-2019 Draft Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mab Oloman, Anthony Santelices and Eric Wong abstained from the vote)

(Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".)

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Cheryl Andre
SECONDED by Joy Zhou

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Leah Bae absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, May 31, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall – Room 110
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall