



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, October 25, 2018

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) was held on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 5:36 pm, in the Town Hall, Main Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Aaron Leung, Chair
Leah Bae
Clark Childerhose
Jane Childerhose
Janice Douglas
Maeve Downing
Rylan Huckabone
Christy Lo
Mab Oloman
Anthony Santelices
Vivian Tsang*
Richard Wang
Eric Wong*

ABSENT: Cheryl Andre
Lena Hozaima
Joy Zhou

ALSO PRESENT: Erica Mark, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Park Board
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library
Rosa Aravena, Community Youth Worker,
Mount Pleasant Community Centre
Margie Sanderson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The meeting began with an icebreaker roundtable of members sharing their names, the neighbourhood they are from and their favourite thing about the autumn season thus far.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Leah Bae
SECONDED by Vivian Tsang

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on July 26, 2018, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Eric Wong absent for the vote)

2. Recommendation on the Continuation of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee

The Chair opened up the roundtable discussion with the committee members on the continuation of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, and any feedback they may have on the current structure of the Committee.

The following comments were made informally in the workshop format:

- Meeting once a month and the current time allotment works well;
- The relationship between elected officials and staff is very important to Committee members and should be encouraged;
- More direction and initiative from staff should be given during the advertisement and recruitment process for the Committee;
- Recruitment online application forms might be a barrier for children and youth;
- Minorities should be better represented in the Committee;
- At the beginning of the term, the Committee should create a goal-focused agenda;
- The presentations coming to the Committee should be better structured to interact with children and youth and make their views more easily heard;
- The structure of meetings should include small group discussions, especially after a presentation;
- The creation of a Suggestion Box for feedback and opinions to be more easily heard;
- The older Committee members should act as mentors for the younger Committee members; and
- There would be great value in having a youth-only committee, in addition to CYFAC, in order to advocate for youth funds, spaces and rights.

MOVED by Christy Lo
SECONDED by Richard Wang

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (the "Committee") recommends that the Committee be reinstated with a similar structure and terms of reference; and

FURTHER THAT the Committee recommends an option of right of first refusal for current under 14 years old members to be reappointed to the Committee, if it gets reinstated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Vivian Tsang absent for the vote)

3. New Business

(a) Final Remarks

The Committee provided final remarks in relation to their work and experiences on the committee and thanked Staff Liaisons and Council Liaisons for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Janice Douglas
SECONDED by Maeve Downing

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Vivian Tsang absent for the vote)

Next Meeting: *As Committee members are appointed up until November 4, 2018, this will be the Committee's final Regular meeting of term.*

The Committee adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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