

LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 26, 2012

A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 26, 2012, at 5:44 pm in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni, Co-Chair  
Metha Brown  
Drew Dennis  
Myriam Dumont, Co-Chair  
Adeline Huynh  
Dean Malone  
Mike Soron\*  
Patrick Tham

**ABSENT:** Michelle Fortin  
Richard Overgaard (Leave of Absence)  
Barbara Snelgrove (Leave of Absence)  
Ron Stipp (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Trevor Loke, Park Board Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**Leave of Absence Requests**

The Committee approved leaves of absence for Richard Overgaard, Barbara Snelgrove, and Ron Stipp.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2012, were approved.

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*The Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with item 7(a) prior to item 1. It was also agreed that immediately following item 2, the Committee would deal with items 7(b), 7(c) and 7(d). For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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**1. Pride Events**

The Committee discussed the various Pride events taking place in the City from July 30, 2012, to August 5, 2012; including

- The official launch of Pride Week at City Hall
- Vancouver Frontrunners Pride Walk/Run
- Vancouver Dyke March and Festival
- Queer Arts Festival

The Committee discussed having informal interviews during the various Pride Week events, with members of the LGBTQ community, to determine priorities in the community.

## 2. E-Mail Regarding Transgendered Services

The Committee discussed an e-mail they received regarding the lack of services available to transgendered people in the city. The Chair agreed to respond to the e-mail.

Drew Dennis and Patrick Tham agreed to follow-up with Abigail Bond, Assistant Director of Housing Policy, regarding the City's Urban Health Strategy.

## 3. City of Vancouver's Priority Goals

Postponed to the September 27, 2012, meeting.

## 4. Communications and Engagement

Postponed to the September 27, 2012, meeting.

## 5. Formation of Subcommittees

The Committee discussed forming subcommittees. Members selected their top priorities for subcommittees.

MOVED by Mike Soron  
SECONDED by Patrick Tham

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee forms the following three Subcommittees:

- Affordable Housing and Homelessness
- Thriving Diverse Economy
- Strength, Vitality and Healthy Communities

CARRIED  
(Adeline Huynh and Myriam Dumont opposed)

It was agreed that until September 2012, Adeline Huynh would lead the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Subcommittee, Dean Malone would lead Thriving Diverse Economy Subcommittee and Mike Soron and Patrick Tham would lead the Strength, Vitality and Healthy Communities Subcommittee.

## 6. Meeting Schedule for 2012

At the meeting on April 19, 2012, the Committee asked the Meeting Coordinator to look at meeting dates on the third Thursday of the month.

MOVED by Myriam Dumont  
SECONDED by Metha Brown

THAT the Memorandum dated May 15, 2012, entitled "LGBTQ Advisory Committee - 2012 Regular Meeting Schedule and Working Sessions Schedule", be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: Regular Meeting dates for the Committee can be found at the link below.  
<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/lgbtq-advisory-committee.aspx>

## 7. New Business

### a) E-mail From RainCity Housing

The Committee discussed an e-mail from RainCity Housing regarding fundraising efforts to finance a shelter for LGBTQ youth. The Committee agreed to write a letter of support and suggest grant options within the City.

### b) Social Media E-Mail Response

The Chair provided the update she received from the Director of Corporate Communications which informed the Committee that the City is currently working on a social media initiative, to provide rules and regulations, and they will circulate the information when it is complete.

### c) Membership Update

Myriam Dumont agreed to follow up with Councillor Stevenson regarding membership criteria and to request a thirteenth member on the Committee, if possible.

### d) Liaisons

The Chair agreed to e-mail Committee Liaisons to inquire about their attendance at meetings and ask if a different meeting schedule would help with attendance.

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 pm.

## Next Meeting:

DATE: September 27, 2012  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall