

WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 11, 2012

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 5:34 pm in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Williams, Chair
Kamal Basra
Krissy Darch
Jake Hassel-Gren
Jarrah Hodge
Ingrid Kolsteren
Fiona McFarlane, Vice-Chair
Margarita Pinillos*
Marion Smith
Bif Walker
Julie Wong*

ABSENT: Genesa Greening (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Dawkins, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services,
Staff Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Commissioner Nicki Sharma, Park Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

A leave of absence was approved for Genesa Greening for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the May 8, 2012, meeting were approved as circulated.

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The Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with item 1 during discussion on item 5. For ease of reference, the Minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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1. Public Bike Share Presentation

Engineering staff provided a presentation on the Public Bike Share project and responded to questions. The presentation and discussion included:

- Logistics of the project;
- Public bike share programs around the world;
- Users and fees;
- Challenges and opportunities; and
- Next steps and timelines.

The Manager of the Street Activities Branch asked the Committee if they would be interested in looking at the test station for the Public Bike Share program, to access safety. The Committee agreed to do this when the test station is put into place.

2. Taxi Saver Program Update

Wendy Williams informed the Committee that the Taxi Saver Program will continue. She noted two responses were received from the four letters the Committee sent to advocate saving the program.

3. Meeting at Fire Hall

The Committee agreed to meet and receive a presentation at the Fire Hall for their November Working Session.

Jennifer Dawkins provided an update on the Vancouver Fire and Rescue Service's Recruitment and Outreach Program.

4. Survey Update

Fiona McFarlane revealed the results of the Committee's internal survey noting the responses were to continue the four goals established by the 2008-2011 Women's Advisory Committee. The four goals were increased leadership, representation and participation of women and girls, economic equality and opportunity for women and girls, create a safe city for women and girls, and ensure that gender is mainstreamed.

5. Work Planning

MOVED by Fiona McFarlane
SECONDED by Marion Smith

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approves the following four objectives for the Committee for the 2012-2015 term:

- Increased Leadership, Representation and Participation of Women and Girls
- Economic Equality and Opportunity for Women and Girls
- Create a Safe City for Women and Girls
- Ensure that Gender is Mainstreamed

FURTHER THAT, at the very least, the Committee undertake the following two activities for the 2012-2015 term:

- Host the 2013 Women Transforming Cities Conference
- Continue the work on gender Budgeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee identified several potential activities for their work plan that could be undertaken to achieve the four goals noted above.

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The Committee recessed at 6:32 pm and reconvened at 6:40 pm with the same members present.

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Julie Wong agreed to take an inventory of mentorship programs in the city of Vancouver and report back to the Committee.

Fiona McFarlane and Jarrah Hodge agreed to create the Committee's Work Plan and to circulate the first draft to members upon completion. Committee members were asked to choose what initiatives, from the Work Plan, they would like to work on.

6. October Meeting Update

Wendy Williams noted the Herstory Café, to take place on Thursday, October 11, 2012, will focus on "Women and Co-Operatives: a Vancouver Historical Perspective". The event will take place from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, in the Council Chamber, third floor, Vancouver City Hall.

Jennifer Dawkins agreed to create a Facebook event for this initiative.

Jarrah Hodge agreed to be the Facebook lead for the Committee.

7. Women Transforming Cities Cafes

Wendy Williams noted the following two Women Transforming Cities Cafés:

- Café entitled "Designing a City for Women and Girls", will take place on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House 800 East Broadway.
- Café entitled "The Affordable Housing Crisis: Designing an Ideal City for Women and Girls", will take place on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, from 7:00 - 9:00pm, at the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House 800 East Broadway.

8. Meeting Minutes on Website

Wendy Williams reminded the Committee of their webpage at:

<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/womens-advisory-committee.aspx>

9. International Women's Day

The Committee agreed to discuss a potential event for International Women's Day at a future meeting.

10. New Business

a) Nobel Prize Meeting

Kamal Basra, Marion Smith, Jarrah Hodge, and Ingrid Kolsteren agreed to accompany Councillor Reimer to a meeting on October 15, 2012, with female Nobel Prize winners.

b) Presentation

The Committee agreed to have Councillor Reimer invite Marion Lay, winner of the Order of BC, to a future meeting to discuss gender sensitivities in sporting ceremonies.

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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