



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 27, 2021

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021**, at 5:35 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Amy Robichaud, Acting Chair
Haida Antolick
Vicki Bright
Alaina Chun
Krysta Coyle
Jyotika Dangwal
Anita Fellman
Nazma Lee
Serena Mohammed
Andaleeb Morales
Essya Nabbali
Farron Rickerby
Elizabeth Samuels
Sairoz Sekhon
Andrea Thompson

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Council Liaison
Therese Boullard, EDI Consultant, Equity Office, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies
Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began with Committee members introducing themselves.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

1. Chair/Vice-Chair Election

MOVED by Haida Antolick
SECONDED by Essya Nabbali

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee select an Acting Chair for today's meeting;

FURTHER THAT the elections of Co-Chairs be postponed until the September 7, 2021, meeting, in order to ensure all members have the ability to review the responsibilities the role entails and prepare a statement, if desired.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequently, the Committee agreed to appoint Amy Robichaud as Acting Chair for today's meeting.

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At this point in the meeting, Amy Robichaud assumed the role of Acting Chair.

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2. Roles and Responsibilities

The Meeting Coordinator reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Committee, the Council Liaisons, External Liaisons, and the Staff Liaison. Subsequently, liaisons introduced themselves and their respective portfolios.

3. Work Plan Discussion

The Meeting Coordinator informed the Committee of their annual reporting requirements, which includes an annual work plan, and an annual report of activities. Subsequently, the Committee discussed the development of a work plan and highlighted the following areas of interest:

- Housing: social housing, affordability and creation of safe spaces
- Vancouver Plan
- Childcare
- Women's Equity Strategy
- Equity Framework implementation
- Intersectionality Training for Council/Broader conversation around intersectionality
- Outreach and engagement to voices not present in the room
- Combatting NIMBYism
- Access to public washrooms
- Access to menstruation products at City facilities
- Climate adaption, land use
- Violence against women and marginalized genders, supporting safety for sex workers
- Support for caregivers
- Considering gendered aspect of climate crisis in building climate resilience

- Access to affordable food/food insecurity
- Active engagement in the review process for Advisory Committees
- Women's safety in public spaces - UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces
- Taking action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)
- Non-police support for crisis situations
- Harm reduction
- Combatting hate in the City - racism, anti-Indigenous and drug users and persons with disabilities
- Increasing access to employment for women, gender diverse and persons with disabilities

Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Krysta Coyle
SECONDED Essya Nabbali

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee assign Krysta Coyle to organize the areas of interest as discussed at the meeting on July 27, 2021, into overarching themes;

FURTHER THAT the Women's Advisory Committee assign Jyotika Dangwal to format the overarching themes into survey questions in order for the Committee to rank the themes and comment on the ranking;

AND FURTHER THAT the Women's Advisory Committee with the help of Therese Boullard, Staff Liaison, create the survey and share the results of the survey in the aggregate by the next Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For the next Committee meeting, the members agreed to come up with action items that support their individual top theme picks, and to come up with suggestions for a subcommittee structure that will support this work.

4. New Business

(a) Voting Method for Co-Chairs

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to have a closed/private vote for the roles of Co-Chairs, by having each Committee member email their top two selections to the Meeting Coordinator and the Meeting Coordinator tallying and announcing the final results to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Amy Robichaud

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, September 07, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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