



City of Surrey

Multicultural Advisory Committee

Minutes

Occasions By the Pond
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007
Time: 11:03 a.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chair – Councillor Martin
Mayor Watts
Councillor Higginbotham
Councillor Villeneuve
R. Asistio
N. Beuk
C. Hong
Corp. J. Hundial
J. Kovach
F. Kung
M. Malik
S. El-Nashar
K. Polubinski
K. Sanghera
S. Scott
Cameron McBeth
M. Solorzano
E. Szücs

Guest:

V. Pittakidis
T. Ghuman
Heather Stilwell, Surrey S.D.36
Harpal John, DIVERSEcity
Craig Woods, SUCCESS
P. Reddy, Intercultural Outreach
Coordinator

Staff Present:

L. Chernick, Training & Development, Human Resources
N. Webb, GM Human Resources
L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture
J. McLeod, Manager, Long Range Planning & Policy Development
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

Absent:

P. Glass, Surrey S.D.
D. Sandhu
B. King
Dr. B. Gurm

Copies of the Surrey activities newspaper flyer were provided on table to all committee members.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee, March 6, 2007

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Nick Beuk
That the minutes of the Multicultural
Advisory Committee March 6, 2007, be adopted, as circulated.
Carried

B. DELEGATION REQUESTS

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Multicultural Advisory Committee Workshop Facilitator – Patti Schom-Moffatt, Karyo Edelman

Patti Schom-Moffatt of Karyo Edelman introduced herself as to Facilitator of the workshop and provided the definition of *facilitation*. She advised the committee members that she would implement a process to allow for moving through the agenda items, with the provision for lots of opportunity for discussion.

- The facilitator does not comment on the contents of the discussions but aides in the progression through the content.
- The members would be breaking up into smaller groups for working sessions and role playing.
- The facilitator provided a background of her career and noted that she was familiar with the Cultural Plan and Sustainability Plan and understood the municipal process.
- The facilitator would derive ideas from the workshop participants, and move the workshop along by following a process of *yellow carding* in order to encourage a creative process versus an analytical process.
- Creativity would be the process for this workshop.

Copies of the Terms of Reference were distributed to all and the members were asked if they understand what is being asked of them. The committee members decided to change the document wording to remove the naming of the cultural communities represented, to wording that includes as many cultural communities representatives as needed.

- Goals:
 - to help sustain language within diverse communities
 - to encourage ethno and cultural opportunities and programming
 - to look at youth and children to ensure they are all involved and to ensure there is a kid friendly section in the Terms of Reference under the Role or Mandate
 - to include within the goals the grandparent and children generations (for inclusion on membership)
 - Agreement on Terms Of Reference and what is needed.

The Workshop commenced. The mandate of the committee workshop was to find five major activities that the committee would be able work with that would have real payback and be do-able within 18 months.

The following five ideas resulted from the workshop:

1. Multicultural Centre for Diversity – understanding and knowledge
2. Festival of Festivals of all Cultures – to build on strengths
3. Neighbourhood Based Activities
4. 2 Way Communication between the City and the communities
5. Venue of Programs and Events

The Chairperson thanked the Facilitator and the committee members for participating in the workshop today and commented that she hoped that everyone would now have a better sense of what the committee would like to accomplish.

D. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 11:00 am in the Pongside meeting room.

F. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by Nick Beuk
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That the Multicultural Advisory Committee

Carried

The Multicultural Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson (Councillor Mary Martin)
Multicultural Advisory Committee