



MULTICULTURALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 19, 2013; 5:30 p.m.
Committee Room #2, City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Chinu Das	Co-Chair/Community Member
Ms. Connie Behl	Community Member
Ms. Eman Ismail-Elmasri	Community Member
Ms. Maryam Salmani	Community Member
Vacant	Community Member
Vacant	New Westminster School District #40

VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr	Chair
Ms. Bayoush Mengesha	Community Member
Ms. Maria Elizabeth Soriano	Community Member

GUESTS:

Mr. Rob McCullough	Manager, New Westminster Museum and Archives
Ms. Oana Capota	Curator/Heritage Programmer -New Westminster Museum and Archives

STAFF:

Mr. John Stark	Senior Social Planner, Development Services
Inspector Doug Walcott	New Westminster Police Department
Dr. William Shannon	Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No additions were made.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 24, 2013

Adoption of the minutes was deferred to the next regular meeting.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 New Immigrant and Refugee Survey Results

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, made a presentation on the survey results, a copy of which was attached to the agenda material for this meeting. Mr. Stark advised that he would prepare a synopsis of the survey results for distribution at the September meeting. Accordingly, the report and survey results remained tabled.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Multicultural Festival Update and Debrief

Members present were positive on the outcomes of the festival. The following recommendations arose in discussion:

- Future festivals should be more child-inclusive, experiential and interactive.
- Staff was asked to request that the Downtown Business Improvement Association report addressing the Multicultural Festival be made available for consideration by the committee at its September meeting.

This item remained tabled.

4.2 CBA Park Development Update

This item remained tabled.

4.3 Safe Harbour Update

Mr. Stark advised that the Safe Harbour program was adopted by Council at its meeting of June 10, 2013.

This item remained tabled.

4.4 Welcoming Community Program (WCP) Update

No information presented at this time.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were presented.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

No reports were presented.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 CBA Park Site Visioning Session with the City's Multiculturalism Advisory Committee

7.2 Safe Harbour Implementation Plan Report to Council

Copies of the foregoing items were submitted for information.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 September 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in Committee Room No.2, City Hall

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee concluded at 6:55 p.m.

**CHINU DAS
CO-CHAIR**

**WILLIAM SHANNON
RECORDING SECRETARY**