



Welcoming City Task Force Meeting Notes
March 22, 2021, 5-6:30pm on MS Teams
Meeting Chair: Mayor Helps

Meeting Homework

Task Force members were asked to complete the following tasks by March 28.

- If possible, complete the Partner and Stakeholder Identification spreadsheet and email it to the consultants.
- *Read the Welcoming Standard Quick Guide and formulate three (3) questions that could be asked during our engagement. The Quick Guide is Section V of the Welcoming Standard document found at this link:*
<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/sites/default/files/Welcoming%20Standard%200%2B%20Certified%20Welcoming.pdf>

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement from Mayor Helps
2. Report on regrets and other announcements
3. Meeting preparation discussion
Two working groups were created to complete the following work.
 - Partner and Stakeholder Identification
 - Risk RegistryA doodle poll will be created to set up these meetings and sent out to the task force members who volunteered to be in each group.
4. Break-out groups discussed and reported back on the following:
Thinking beyond the City of Victoria, in general
 - a. What is it to be an unwelcoming city?
 - b. What is it to be a welcoming city?
 - c. What is your vision for the Victoria Welcoming City Strategy? This feedback will be used to inform the *vision* for the Welcoming City Strategy.
5. Reflection question: Is there a difference between feeling welcome and belonging?

Attendance

City staff, Councillors and guests present at the meeting:

1. Councillor Sharmarke Dubow
2. Kimberley Stratford, City staff
3. Jennifer Rowan (sitting in for Maureen Sawa this meeting)
4. Neuquinn Consulting (Patricia Quinn and Rachael Seupersad)

Members	Organization	March 8
Agnes Myhre	Bayanihan Community Centre	regrets
Annie Djiotsa	Société Francophone	
Antonia Paquin	Member at Large	withdrawn
Chief Del Manak	VicPD	✓
Daniela dos Santos Pinto	Member at Large	✓
David Lau	Victoria Immigrant & Refugee Centre Society	
Florentien Verhage	Intercultural Association	regrets
Garry Sam	Songhees Nation	✓
Jefus Godwin-Enwere	International student	
Jerome Thomas	Esquimalt Nation	
Jibril Mohamed	Member at Large	✓
Kareece Whittle-Brown	Here in Canada magazine	✓
Maureen Sawa (Jennifer Rowan attended)	Greater Victoria Public Library	✓
Nora Butz	Chinese Community Services Society	✓
Sandra Hough	George Jay School PAC	✓
Silvia Mangué Alene	Member at Large	✓
Tracy Ryan	Victoria Silver Threads	

Attendees ✓

