



MINUTES – WELCOMING CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 7, 2024, 5:00 P.M.

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum Nation

Meeting conducted electronically via Teams.

- PRESENT:** Sandra Hough in the Chair, Daniela dos Santos Pinto, Florentien Verhage, Isidoro Emmanuel, Luis Gutiérrez Aguirre
- ABSENT:** Kareece Whittle-Brown, Fiona Bramble, Maureen Sawa, Nora Butz, Vibha Gaonkar, Jibril Mohamed
- STAFF PRESENT:** A. Galiev – Equity Diversity & Inclusion Lead, S. Mangué Alene – Equity and Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, A. Heimbürger – Legislative Coordinator
- GUESTS:** P. Sardinha - Vancouver Island Brazilian Cultural Association; M. Marquez - Vancouver Island Brazilian Cultural Association

A. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Esquimalt First Nation communities.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By S. Hough
Seconded By L. Gutierrez Aguirre

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

Moved By D. Dos Santos Pinto
Seconded By F. Verhage

That the following minutes be approved:

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held on November 7, 2023

That the Minutes from the Welcoming City Advisory Committee meeting held November 7, 2023 be approved.

C.2 Minutes from the meeting held on January 8, 2024

That the Minutes from the Welcoming City Advisory Committee meeting held January 8, 2024 be approved.

C.3 Minutes from the meeting held on April 3, 2024

That the Minutes from the Welcoming City Advisory Committee meeting held April 3, 2024 be approved.

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D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 Recap of informal discussion held on April 3, 2024

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Lead provided a recap of the informal discussion held on April 3, 2024.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Success of the Welcoming City Conference*
- *Future of the Welcoming City strategy*
- *Opportunities to engage with community groups and regular inclusion of community group presenters in Welcoming City Advisory Committee meetings*

D.2 Vancouver Island Cultural Association presentation

The committee received a presentation from the Vancouver Island Brazilian Cultural Association (VIBRA) regarding their organization, resources, programs and events for newcomers and community members, and opportunities to share Brazilian culture with Victoria.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Current funding for VIRBA*
- *Potential grant opportunities to support VIRBA initiatives*
- *Potential for additional outreach by VIRBA to schools within School District 61 to include more Brazilian students in programming*

D.3 Welcoming City Community Conversations

The Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator informed the committee that *Welcoming City Community Conversations* materials would be distributed to committee members following the May 7, 2024 meeting to be discussed at the next meeting of the Welcoming City Advisory Committee.

E. Committee Roundtable

- The Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria is looking for participants in story telling workshop.

- Event information available at the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/im-more-than-the-immigrant-you-had-in-mind-storytelling-workshop-tickets-893948262317>
- Upcoming Filipino cultural events offered through the Philippine Bayanihan Community Centre

F. Next Meeting Agenda & Date

There was no discussion on this topic.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By D. Dos Santos Pintos
Seconded By L. Gutierrez Aguirre

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY