



WAVE Minutes

Tuesday, March 20 2018

Councillors Board Room, 2nd Floor City Hall • 5:30 pm to 8pm

Attendees

Committee Members

Sandra Woitas
Meghana Valupadas
Dilara Yegani
Tanya Edison
Jennifer Jennax
Joyce LaBriola
Kristina Midbo
Elyssa Teslyk
Debra Jakubec
Beatrice Ghettuba
Angelica Hernandez
Carrie Lynn Vos

Regrets

Hersharon Sandhu
Bailey Dawn Coty
Kourtney Boucher

Staff

Marian Bruin
Kaylin Betteridge
Carrie Thuesen (Councillor Esslinger's EA)

Guests

Councillor Knack

Regrets

Councillor Esslinger
Kate Gunn
Cheryl Oxford

1. Welcome

Sandra welcomed the group and guests. Sandra Read the book, "Everybody needs a rock"

2. Approve Minutes and Agenda Review

Minutes and agenda were approved.

3. Presentations/Policy

3.1 Vision 2050

Katie Soles and Maryann

Katie Soles came and presented a bit of information on Vision 2050. Mayor and council are doing consultation for a visionary document on what the city will look like in 2050. WAVE is the 40th group engaged with!

Katie asked the group what they like about Edmonton to gather a picture of what WAVE members would like the city to be in the future.

WAVE provided feedback on elements missing from the vision- arts and culture aren't highlighted, Volunteerism is missing. Innovation, business, etc all contribute to a strong not-for-profit centre. Universities as centres of excellence. Greater focus on Indigenous communities. Need to maintain our green spaces, leave things better than we found them.

Highlight the strong activist culture. Change the language around health. And the treaty was about more than just prosperity.

This will inform the cities action plan and how to deliver to them in the next 4-6 years. and how to budget for it.

3.2 Ribbon Rouge

Moréniké Qláòşebikan, President, Ribbon Rouge Foundation

Ribbon Rouge started as a fashion, art and music to help with HIV relief in African countries. In 2013 became a foundation. Use arts for advocacy. A place that provide platform for marginalized people, arts can build community and make positive social change. Membership driven with. 82 members and 33 in the artist collective. Artists work for social change. Only have 3 board members. - Have 7 spaces. Looking for more board members.

Health equity is the inspiration through a social justice lens. Consider public health and look at upstream impacts of HIV.

Health Inequity, African, Caribbean, and black people make up 2% of pop, but 13.9% of new infections in Edmonton and could be as high as 28%. Focus on the intersection of race/gender/and HIV. HIV is a symptom of much larger structural problems. To get to 0 new infections a lot of structural and social problems have to have been addressed.

Existing Policies just go after social determinants of health, but don't consider that structurally there are things that impact people's health. Focus on social cohesion to build capacity to deal with underlying structural impacts. Levels and layers of stigma impact health.

Morenike shared about the conversations and work to ensure that services are being provided in an appropriate way and stigma is addressed.

WAVE asked questions and Joyce shared there is an opportunity for Artists for life Foundation and Ribbon Rouge to work collaborative since they have similar programs for addressing HIV through the arts.

WAVE expressed a need to connect more with Black and African communities. Beautrice recommended connecting with young people, different women leaders and offered to bring a group together.

4. Action Items

4.1 Review and update glossary

Marian

Leadership committee is updating them- changing words, new words, City clerks wants it and might share it with the ABCs

4.2 GBA + Video

Marian

We've developed another video that focuses on explaining GBA+- Will email it to the group.

4.3 Family Friendly Feedback deadline March 23

Marian

Family friendly feedback- please send it by March 23rd. Cheryl and Councillor Esslinger.

3 questions: current assets/attractions you are proud of and why, how can we make edmonton the most family friendly city in canada, what's missing. in the spring council with contemplate making transit free for every child under 12 will this help? Why or why not?

4.4 WAVE volunteer hours 2017 - 627

Marian

Had to compile the 2017 volunteer hours and WAVE, 14 members totaled 627 volunteer hours in; meetings, WAVE, working groups, and the political forums. No events were counted.

We all need to start tracking events starting March 1st. Please email Kaylin when you attend an event and we will add it to the calendar.



4.5 Plans for Pride week

Sandra

Joyce sent them a note and Joyce and Sandra are following up to see if WAVE can participate in the parade.

4.6 DATS letter update and decision for next steps

Marian

DATS issues- WAVE had discussed sending the DATS letter to council. Marian took the approach of reaching out to DATS first to give them a chance to respond. Met with Paul Schmold, he talked about DATS being underfunded and WAVE could be an advocate for DATS. November and March are the busiest months. DATS has had a big increase in unplanned absences of staff. Would like to use this as a point to start the conversation. Heather Crowe with the accessibility advisory committee can come talk to us about her work.

WAVE agreed to get more feedback from Paul before submitting the letter to Council. WAVE can be their allies when they go for budget. DATS would like them to advocate for this.

Engagement and outreach will connect with these groups.

ACTION: Councillor Esslinger made an inquiry at Executive about DATS and DATS services which is due on JUNE 18th. WAVE is welcome to attend and speak to the issue. Will try to make it time specific.

5. Working Group Updates

5.1 Engage and Outreach

National bank -Elyssa met with them and they have special services for newcomers.

AWILL- Still hosting event, likely in late fall.

5.2 Leadership

Spent time on the glossary of terms. Brainstormed and doubled it.

Leadership planning- looked at mandate: Promote leadership development to support edmonton women to fully participate in civic life. Term is over 3 years and looking at what they want to achieve and discussed that. And before that decided to look at who isn't participating and what does participating means. Every member will come back with 3 quick win goals.

5.3 Policy

Hoarding - Met again, worked on it some more. Added in signage and Wayfinding. Lighting and safety needs to be paramount. Final step now is to get ahold of hoarding guidelines.

Anti-racism response went back to Council on March 14th. This included some aspects and definitions on diversity and inclusion that we may be able to incorporate into the Diversity and Inclusion policy. Hannah the IPAC student and is looking at it and providing feedback.

5.4 Symposium

Have the results of the feedback and met with Buksa. Many learnings. Thanked WAVE member for their support. The issue with Smudging not being allowed on site was not the hotels fault, City Administration failed to get prior approval.

6. Women's Initiative Update

Clr Bev Esslinger

Walterdale theatre is promoting the Women's Initiative- play in april about suffragettes talk about the WI before the play and have our handout after the play. And we will promote the play.

7. Emerging Issues

7.1 Parking at City Hall

We can't hand out parking passes any more. Its automated. When you come to City Hall for meetings, Marian will input your License plate and the zone and pay for you.

8. Wrap Up and Next Meeting

Next Meetings: April 17th, 2018 Eat in the Councillors boardroom, then WAVE will move to Council meeting for Sandra to present annual report