Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

City of Edmonton

Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm



Invited Attendees

Committee Members:

Beth Brusselers, Trent Daley, Rehana Gilani, Harman Singh Kandola, Joud Nour Eddin, Faisal Salama, Sameer Singh, Shalini Sinha, Kimberly Yamada, Andrew Parker, Nestor Avalos

Regrets:

Feisal Kirumira, Ada Okeke, Carissa Lamoureux

Guests:

Nnaemeka Udoka, Samantha Pacleb, Abeeku Kilson, Kate Mullin, Al Boychuk, Helen Rusich, Shamair Turner, Edrick Andrews

Council Sponsors:

Councillor Mo Banga, Councillor Scott McKeen

Administration:

Mike Chow, Antoinette Davis, Samuel Juru, Joshua Manego

1.0 Welcome	ACTION	LEAD
 1.1 Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm and roll call was completed by the Chair. Two new members of the Anti-racism Advisory Committee (ARAC), Andrew Parker and Nestor Avalos, were introduced and welcomed. The Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement was made. 		Shalini

2.0 Review	ACTION	LEAD
2.1 Agenda Review		
Additions/Amendments: None		
MOTION: To adopt the May 19, 2021 meeting agenda. Moved by Trent D. / Beth B. Majority Vote	Carried	

3.0 Minutes	ACTION	LEAD
3.1 Review and approval of minutes from April 14, 2021 meeting		
MOTION: To adopt the April 14, 2021 ARAC meeting minutes. Moved by Nestor A. / Trent D. Majority Vote	Carried	

4.0 Chair Updates	ACTION	LEAD
 Two upcoming Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions training sessions: June 1 for Chairs and June 2 for all other members. Training is being offered by the Office of the City Clerk. Grounding session still to be organized with Admin. A survey about remuneration was sent to various Civic Advisory Committees; a report that includes the survey results will go to Council before the summer. A Slack account has been created for ARAC as per the direction provided. All ARAC members have been invited; ARAC will trial the technology for the next two months. Slack will provide the committee with the opportunity to take action and converse in-between ARAC meetings. 		Shalini

5.0 Subcommittee Structure	ACTION	LEAD
 Presentation and discussion about Subcommittee Structure as a way of organizing the work of ARAC. 		
MOTION: That Administration fills out the ARAC committee structure with the Terms of Reference, goals, etc to be available for ratification before the June 9, 2021 ARAC meeting. Moved by Shalini/Trent Majority Vote	Carried	

6.0 Subcommittee & Working Group Updates	ACTION	LEAD
Public Engagement & Outreach subcommittee		

with ARAC at the next meeting.	
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7.0 City Admin Updates	ACTION	LEAD
 Social Identity and Social Inclusion section is hiring two team leads. Postings are available on the Edmonton.ca website. Exploratory meetings are occurring on the expansion of the definition of bullying to include the acts of harassment on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity and the use of restorative justice practices in response to any of these offenses. Other advisory committees would also be invited to provide input using a GBA+ lens. 		

8.0 Adjournment	
- The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.	

Next Meeting			
Date	Time	Location	
June 9, 2021	5:00 to 7:00 pm	Google Meet	