



Hamilton

Minutes

IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday June 14, 2018

City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192/193, 6:30pm

Present: Zenaida Roque Cruz, Suad Badri, Eman Ismail-Elmasri, Holly McKean, Marie Robbins, Sam Abraham, Beau Daniels, Mir Islam, Yohana Otite

Also Present: Nadia Olivieri, Human Rights, Grace Maciak

Regrets: Dena Honig, Amed Farah, Mané Arratia, Huzaifa Saeed

Absent: Leo Johnson, Ramon Petgrave (LOA), Noor Nizam

Chair: Zenaida Roque Cruz
Welcome and Introductions (7:15 pm)

1. Approval of the Agenda
(M. Robins/E, Elmasri)
Approve the minutes as presented

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest – None declared

3. Approval of Minutes
(H. Mclean/Y. Otite)
Immigrant and Refugee Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2018

CARRIED

4. Presentations
4.1 *Scott Jones from Micah House – Deferred*

5. Business / Discussion Items
5.1 Attendance – Deferred
5.1.1.1 Child minding services- costs confirmation-defer
5.1.1.2 Resignations to be accepted (4)

MOTION:

(S. Badri / M. Islam)

The members of the Immigration and Refugee accept the following resignations:

1. Noor Nizam – lack of attendance
2. Ramon Petgrave – formally resigned due to competing issues

3. Huzaifa Saeed- took an out of town job and will be moving
4. Ahmed Farah – work schedule interfering with ability to attend meetings

CARRIED

5.2 Open House Working Group Update (July 27, 2018)

- Reviewed participant list
- There are 26 vendors who have signed up
- Volunteers identified to assist with the day
- Eman to create I&R signs, Beau to set up

5.2.1.1 Review invitation list/ email bounce backs

- No issues as there are many vendors already registered

5.3 Housing Working Group Update – Deferred

5.3.1.1 AF&A dates (for I&R HWG)

- Zenaida discussed presentation to AF&A on May 17, 2018
- Zenaida will collect any additional info from Mikah house
- General themes – training for staff, funding for shelters and housing, also supporting JVN Developments and touch points for information sharing (such as schools, places of worship)
- Zenaida will pull all relevant information to support recommendation
- Suad reported that this is good time to send recommendation to Housing Strategy Ontario – she will be sending a link to the Staff Liaison

5.4 Employment Working Group Update – Deferred

5.5 Education Working Group Update – Deferred

5.5.1.1 Invitation Status (Grace Mater)

5.6 Presenting to Council - Deferred

5.6.1.1 2018 Work plan

5.7 Outstanding Business Items – Deferred

6. Other Business

- 6.1 Summer months meetings – will meet with in July but not in August 2018

7. Adjournment

(S. Abraham/ B. Daniels)

That the June 14, 2018 I & R meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2018 6:30 pm

**Meeting in August 2018 is cancelled*