

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

March 14, 2011

MINUTES



A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 4:40 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Rachel Lafo, Vice-Chair
Elissa Cristall
James Fletcher
Sita Kumar
Christopher Little
Richard Tetrault

ABSENT: Alexandra Greenhill (Leave of Absence)
Heather Shields (Leave of Absence)
Patrick Prinster, Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager, Cultural Services
Marcia Belluce, Cultural Planner, Public Art, Planning & Facilities Dev'l.
Jil Weaving, Park Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2011, were approved as circulated.

Leave of Absence

The Committee approved Leaves of Absence for Alexandra Greenhill and Heather Shields for this meeting.

Vary Agenda

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 3 first, followed by Item 2. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

1. Irish Monument

The Park Board Liaison provided a brief verbal update regarding a proposal for a monument celebrating the contributions of Irish Canadians to Canada. She noted the concept plan was received late last week and subsequently staff have not had an opportunity to review the plans prior to presenting them to the Committee. The Committee agreed to refer this matter to the April meeting.

The Committee discussed the Park Board's policy in relation to proposals for monuments and the criteria used in decision making. They also discussed various approaches to commemorating individuals or communities. The Vice-Chair agreed to forward a link of a

small memorial sculpture in Cambridge, Massachusetts, that commemorates the life of a Russian street performer/puppeteer as a sample of a more modest monument. Link follows:

<http://igorfokin.com/memorial.html>

Staff requested the Committee review the Park Board criteria (*link below*) prior to the April meeting.

<http://vancouver.ca/parks/arts/guidelinesdonations.htm>

2. Civic Projects Update

The Public Art Program Manager provided a brief verbal update on civic projects currently in development and responded to questions.

3. Private Sector Projects Update

The Public Art Program Manager provided a brief verbal update on private sector projects currently in development and responded to questions.

4. New Business

a) Public Art Program/Public Art Committee

At the request of the Vice-Chair, the Committee agreed to include time on future agendas to review the discussion topics distributed at the September 13, 2010, meeting (*on file*).

It was suggested one discussion topic be reviewed at each meeting. The list of discussion topics will be included in upcoming Agenda packages.

b) Public Art Committee Interns

The Committee discussed the possibility of seconding a university student (intern) and appropriate tasks that could be assigned. Staff suggested that cataloging public art would be an option. The Committee will consider approaching professors in the public art field.

Next Meeting:

April 11, 2011
4:30 pm
Business Centre, 2nd Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 5:53 pm

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