



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 21, 2013

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 4:36 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Richard Tetrault, Chair
Joost Bakker
Hugh Ker*
Annie Li
Mitra Mansour
Jenifer Pappararo
Renee Van Halm, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Steven Tong (Leave of Absence)
Naveen Girn (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, City of Vancouver
Karen Henry, Planner, Public Art, Planning & Facilities
Development, Cultural Services
Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager, Cultural
Services (*Staff Liaison*)
Nigel Prince, Art and Culture Policy Council

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Joost Bakker
SECONDED by Annie Li

THAT the Public Art Committee approve Leaves of Absence for the following members:

- Steven Tong for this meeting;
- Richard Tetrault for the meeting on June 17, 2013; and
- Rene Van Halm for the meeting on July 15, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Hugh Ker absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Renee Van Halm
SECONDED by Joost Bakker

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting held March 18, 2013, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Hugh Ker absent for the vote)

1. 1283 Howe Street - Detailed Public Art Plan

At its meeting on February 18, 2013, the Public Art Committee received a presentation on a public art proposal for a development at 1283 Howe Street and agreed to review the proposal further prior to making a decision. Subsequently, the following was approved:

THAT the Public Art Committee strike a sub-committee with the following members to provide ongoing advice as needed in developing the public art plan for 1283 Howe Street for report back at the next meeting:

*Jenifer Pappararo
Steven Tong
Renee Van Halm
Karen Henry
Bryan Newson*

Accordingly, Barbara Cole, Consultant, presented a detailed public art plan for a new mixed-use development at the above-noted site and, along with Tracey McRae, Howe Street Developments Limited Partnership, responded to questions.

MOVED by Annie Li
SECONDED by Renee Van Halm

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the Detailed Public Art Plan for a new mixed-use development at 1283 Howe Street as presented at its meeting on May 21, 2013, and recommend the following conditions be considered:

- seek the opportunity to engage the operator and users of the facility in the final selection of the atrium public art work;
- ensure long-term sustainability of the operation and maintenance of the public art; and
- reconsider the landscape design for the corner site to better accommodate the public art work.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Restructuring Public Art Funding

The Staff Liaison provided an update on discussions with senior City officials regarding measures proposed to restructure and re-fund the civic Public Art Program, noting staff will

report back at the June 17, 2013, meeting with recommendations for the Committee's consideration and that a final report is expected to go to Council in July.

In discussion, members agreed to consider online tools such as Google mapping to raise public awareness of the Public Art Program.

The Staff Liaison introduced Nigel Prince, Arts and Culture Policy Council (ACPC), and discussed some considerations concerning the eventual merging of the Public Art Committee (PAC) with the ACPC.

In response to questions, Mr. Prince outlined the composition and mandate of the ACPC, noting that the membership of 15 includes representation from the performing arts, theatre, dance, music and visual arts.

Councillor Deal added that City Council created the ACPC to increase citizen access to Council's arts policies and its decisions respecting the arts, after it had become apparent that an umbrella group with a mandate for all the arts, not just specific disciplines, was needed to provide input at the policy level.

Staff noted that the timeline to merge the two committees is approximately 18 months, coinciding with the term of the current Council. Various suggestions on how to merge the specific functions of the PAC with the more policy-oriented ACPC were discussed, including the possibility that the PAC would become a sub-committee of the ACPC, or that the PAC might continue on with a revised mandate, with some members of the ACPC sitting as joint members of both committees. Staff also emphasized the opportunities in the merger.

The Committee agreed to continue discussions at future meetings.

3. Project Updates

Staff provided updates on the following:

- Iron Clad Art Competition - submissions on display at the Interurban Gallery at 1 East Hastings Street from May 28 to June 8, 2013. Challenge winners to be announced June, 1, 2013 (<http://www.ironcladart.ca/>); and
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Annual Conference and Trade Show: being held at the Vancouver Convention Centre from May 31 to June 3, 2013. Schedule includes public art tours (<http://www.fcm.ca/home/events/2013-annual-conference-and-trade-show.htm>).

4. New Business

- a) TransLink/Main Street - Science World Station
- b) Commercial Broadway Station

Barbara Cole, Consultant, provided brief updates on the above-noted projects.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Joost Bakker
SECONDED by Annie Li

THAT the Public Art Committee adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING:

DATE: Monday, June 17, 2013
TIME: 4:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:29 pm.

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