

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2016

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, January 18, 2016, at 5 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PRESENT: Hannah Reinhart, Acting Chair

Nick Gregson Chris Jones Debra Rolfe Marisa Sanchez

ABSENT: Mitra Mansour

Jon Stovell (Sick Leave)

Steven Tong

Renee Van Halm (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar, Park Board Liaison

Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner

Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Nick Gregson SECONDED by Chris Jones

- A. THAT Renee Van Halm be granted Leave of Absence for this meeting.
- B. THAT Nick Gregson and Debra Rolfe be granted Leave of Absence for the meeting to be held on February 29, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Introductions

The Committee welcomed new members Chris Jones, Debra Rolfe and Marisa Sanchez, and invited all those present to introduce themselves.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee agreed to postpone the election of Chair and Vice-Chair to the next meeting. It was also agreed that Hannah Reinhart would serve as Acting Chair for this meeting.

Liaison Reports

Commissioner Coupar provided an overview of Park Board activities for December 2015.

Councillor Deal advised that Council has recently approved an increase in the amount per square foot to be contributed by developers for the public art component.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Hannah Reinhart SECONDED by Nick Gregson

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on December 7, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Current Public Art Projects

Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, provided an overview of current projects, including:

- 25in25: A Public Art Perspective whereby a different public art piece will be highlighted on the City's website and through social media every two weeks during 2016. She noted members can sign up to receive regular announcements by joining the mailing list found in the sidebar at http://vancouver.ca/publicart
- Strathcona Public Library Artist Erica Stocking will provide a talk about her upcoming piece at an event on January 21 at 7 pm at the Strathcona Community Centre.

Ms. Henry also provided brief updates/overviews on:

- "Home and Away" project at Hastings Park
- park at Smithe and Richards
- "Coastal City" an upcoming video and transit shelter project
- Artist initiated public art projects call for artists
- Canada 150 possible mural project.

During discussion, Commissioner Coupar advised the Park Board was considering options for additional pieces at QE Park and noted it may tie in with Canada 150.

2. Major Issues - 2016

Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager, provided an overview of several large upcoming public art opportunities as well as issues and challenges for the coming year. Topics reviewed included the following:

- Community Public Art Planning
- East Fraser Lands new community being developed in SE part of city. Public art will be dealt with on a site-wide approach
- Private Sector Program Committee will be briefed at next meeting on "Signature Works"

3. Orientation

Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, provided a presentation on the Public Art Program process and the related role of the Public Art Committee.

4. New Business

- (a) Memorial Project Bryan Newson noted a delegation would attend the next meeting to provide information regarding an upcoming memorial project.
- (b) Opportunities for Murals Nick Gregson provided a presentation on the numerous locations around the city which could provide opportunities for mural projects.

ADJOURN MEETING

MOVED by Chris Jones SECONDED by Nick Gregson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, February 29, 2016

TIME: 5 pm

PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room

2nd Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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