



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES



FEBRUARY 13, 2012

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, February 13, 2012, at 4:33 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Sita Kumar, Sick Leave

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison
Marcia Belluce, Public Art Planner, Public Art, Planning & Facilities Development
Karen Henry, Cultural Planner, Public Art, Planning & Facilities Development
Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager/Staff Liaison
Jil Weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Environment/
Park Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

There were no requests for Leaves of absence.

NOTE: Patrick Prinster resigned following the January 16, 2012, meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2012, were approved as amended on page 3, Item 2; remove the word "Biennale" from the motion.

Motion as amended:

THAT the Public Art Committee strongly supports that Yue Minjun's A-Maze-ing Laughter remain at its present site at Morton Park in English Bay on a basis consistent with the arrangements eventually agreed to between the City and Park Board for the long-term placement of it and other artworks at civic sites.

1. Public Artwork Loan Policy

Further to discussions at previous meetings, the Vice-Chair, along with City and Park staff, drafted long-term loan provisions (*on file*) for review by the Committee.

Accordingly, the Staff Liaison explained these provisions and sought the Committee's feedback.

In discussion, the Vice-Chair proposed recommendations which the Committee approved in principle with a final review at the next meeting. Members also expressed concern with 20-year extended loans and agreed that any public art on a long-term basis should not be for sale. It was suggested that the Committee's recommendations might not be a viable business model for the Biennale, in which case the Biennale might seek to have its existing practice grandfathered.

Christopher Little agreed to work with the Staff Liaison to draft the recommendations for the Committee's review prior to the March meeting.

In closing, the Vice-Chair requested members email comments to the Staff Liaison.

2. Artist Appointment to the Urban Design Panel

Artist Alan Storey's appointment to the Urban Design Panel has come to term, and it is a Committee responsibility to recommend a replacement.

Accordingly, the Staff Liaison sought the Committee's recommendations for replacement and responded to questions.

3. Civic Projects Update

The Staff Liaison advised there were no updates at this time.

Cultural Services staff provided a brief update on Trevor Mahovsky and Rhonda Weppler's project *A False Creek*, noting a new site has been approved under the Cambie Street Bridge, and responded to questions.

4. Other Business

a) Open Data

Councillor Deal sought the Committee's feedback on whether *Open Data* could benefit public art. This matter will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2012
TIME: 4:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:18 pm.

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