ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 5:07 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT:
Marcus Youssef, Chair
Mary-Louise Albert
Becki Chan
Hugh Cochlin
Chan Hon Goh
Sharman King
Paddy MacLeod
Katherine McManus
Esther Rausenberg
Eric Szeto
Charlie Wu

ABSENT:
Thomas Cannell (Leave of Absence)
Graeme Berglund
Amy Kazymerchyk, Vice-Chair (Sick Leave)
Nigel Prince

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor Heather Deal, Vancouver City Council
Commissioner Niki Sharma, Park Board
Marg Specht, Director, Grants Awards & Support Programs, Cultural Services
Richard Newirth, Managing Director, Cultural Services

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Paddy MacLeod

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve a leave of absence for Thomas Cannell for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Chan Hon Goh

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve a retroactive leave of absence for Mary-Louise Albert for the meeting held January 15, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Paddy MacLeod
SECONDED by Charlie Wu

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Policy Council meeting held on January 15, 2013, be approved, with the following change.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Deal provided an update on the following:

- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) convention took place over the weekend, and
- A shortlist for the “Iron Clad” competition to design manhole covers has been created.

Councillor Deal also thanked Chan Hon Goh for her performance at the FCM convention.

2. Park Board Liaison Update

Commissioner Sharma provided an update on the following:

- Reorganization of Park Board into regions to facilitate programming in community centres and link the fieldhouses with them;
- Park Board approved a statue in Stanley Park;
- Park board is looking to work with Aboriginal artists for the year of reconciliation, and
- Announced the Stanley Park 125 Celebrations.

The Chair requested that the Policy Council be updated when arts and cultural items are coming before Park Board, and invited the Park Board to consider consulting with the Policy Council on those items.

3. Staff Liaison Update

Richard Newirth and Marg Specht, both from Cultural Services, provided updates on the following:

- Iron Clad competition, noting that Becky Chan is on the short-list;
• The request for expressions of interest (RFEOI) for the former W2 space closes June 25;
• Working with Heart of the City Festival to do Indigenous Summer Arts Festival on weekends in the former W2 space to include reconciliation and a mix of visual and performing arts, and jewelry;
• They are continuing to work with Bard on the Beach and the Arts Club to see if the Wall Centre space is feasible for them;
• An RFEOI will go out later this month for the CBC space, and
• The Rize Alliance consultation.

The Policy Council requested clarification about the amount of space that the $4.5 million from the Rize Alliance development could purchase. Staff agreed to follow up.

4. Discussion and formal feedback on May 27 working session presentations:

Following a discussion on the May 27, 2013, working session presentations regarding the Public Art Program and the Cultural Strategy, it was

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Hugh Cochlin

THAT the Art and Culture Policy Council strongly and broadly support staff’s recommendations in the report “Stimulating Investment in Public Art”, noting its particular support for new investment in the Public Art Program, and notes the following issues for consideration:

• Consider prequalifying artists and compile a list of prequalified artists every three years to be given to developers who are proposing projects;
• Build capacity among emerging artists;
• Developing mentorships between senior and emerging artists on specific projects;
• Include meaningful civic engagement through all public art projects;
• Ensure city-wide dissemination of significant public art;
• Continue to increase per capita investment to mirror other major cities renowned for their public art.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was also

MOVED by Hugh Cochlin
SECONDED by Eric Szeto

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council is encouraged by the general direction of the Cultural Strategy and looks forward to consulting on implementation strategies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Policy Council agreed to refer discussion of the following items to a working session Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 5:00 pm:

5. Committee Protocols and Plan Review
6. Subcommittee Reports

MOVED by Paddy MacLeod
SECONDED by Esther Rausenberg

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, September 10, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Strathcona Room
        Subground, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:07 pm

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