



ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2014

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at 5:03 pm, in the "W" Room, #501 - 111 West Hastings Street, Woodward's Heritage Building.

PRESENT: Marcus Youssef, Chair
Mary-Louise Albert
Hugh Cochlin*
Chan Hon Goh*
Amy Kazymierchyk*
Sharman King
Katherine McManus, Vice-Chair
Nigel Prince
Esther Rausenberg*
Eric Szeto
Charlie Wu

ABSENT: Paddy Macleod, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Sharman King
SECONDED by Katherine McManus

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the minutes from the meeting held July 22, 2014, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Chan Hon Goh and Amy Kazymierchyk absent for the vote)

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Nigel Prince
SECONDED by Esther Rausenberg

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 4 as the next order of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Chan Hon Goh and Amy Kazymierchyk absent for the vote)

For clarity the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

4. Arts and Culture in City Reports

James Raymond, Research Analyst, Vancouver Economic Commission (VEC), was invited to participate in a discussion on the need for more arts and cultural language in civic reports. Mr. Raymond provided a brief overview on the VEC's mandate and how it relates to the arts and culture sector.

Amy Kazymierchyk and Nigel Prince presented recommendations on the inclusion of arts and cultural language in such reports as the VEC's Vancouver Economic Action Strategy 2011, and the City of Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 Action Plan 2012, and Creative City Culture Plan for Vancouver 2008-2018 (*presentation on file*).

In discussion, Councillor Deal suggested the newly appointed members of the Arts and Culture Policy Council may wish to pursue these recommendations in the next term.

MOVED by Sharman King
SECONDED by Amy Kazymierchyk

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council request that the incoming members make the issue of Arts and Culture in City Reports, as presented on November 4, 2014, a high priority in the next term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Mary-Louise Albert

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve a leave of absence for Paddy Macleod, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Council Liaison's Report

Councillor Deal provided an update on the following:

- an amendment to the capital plan provides a provision for funding feasibility studies for arts, cultural, social and library facilities; and
- the recently approved Healthy City Strategy contains significant references to arts and culture and emphasizes the importance of creativity.

2. Staff Liaison's Report

The Staff Liaison reminded members of the community meeting/information session to be held November 13, 2014, from 3 to 5 pm at the Orpheum Annex and encouraged everyone to attend.

3. Park Board Liaison's Report

Commissioner Sharma provided an update on the following and responded to questions:

- upgrades to field houses;
- selection process underway for Artists in Residence at field houses; and
- Remembrance Day Musical Celebration at Falaise Park on November 11, 2014.

5. Granville Island Motion

The Chair reviewed the following draft recommendation and sought the Council's feedback.

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Amy Kazymierchyk

WHEREAS Granville Island has a unique place in the city's ecology, and is centrally important to Vancouver artists and artisans; and

WHEREAS the idiosyncratic nature of Granville Island's evolution is of great importance to the artists and artisans whose presence and labour defines its character; and

WHEREAS Granville Island's future governance structure is uncertain.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council recommends that Vancouver City Council encourage all levels of government and their agencies to involve the Granville Island tenants and tenant organizations as an integral part of any and all stages of a process to change or redefine the island's governance structure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Council of Councils

The Vice-Chair provided an update, noting there are a number of outstanding reports from members and requested they be submitted to her as soon as possible for the Council of Councils on November 24, 2014*.

*Subsequently, the date for the Council of Councils was changed as follows:

Monday, December 1, 2014
5 pm
Town Hall
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

7. Artists Registry (Working Group)

Mary-Louise Albert and Charlie Wu provided a final report of the Artist Registry Working Group and responded to questions (*report on file*).

The Staff Liaison advised that Council will receive a report back on this matter.

8. Subcommittee Updates

Amy Kazymierchyk provided a brief update on the Public Art Subcommittee.

9. New Business

The Chair reminded members to reapply if they wish to serve on the Arts and Culture Policy Council next term.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Nigel Prince
SECONDED by Eric Szeto

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Hugh Cochlin and Esther Rausenberg absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

To be announced.

The Committee adjourned at 7:02 pm.

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