



ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2016

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 5:01 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Sean Bickerton
Barb Clausen
Terry Hunter
Sharman King
Melody Ma
Paddy Macleod
Katherine McManus
Esther Rausenberg
Wendy Soobis
Donna Spencer

ABSENT: Norman Armour (Leave of Absence)
Mitra Mansour (Leave of Absence)
Nigel Prince (Leave of Absence)
Eric Szeto (Leave of Absence)
Marcus Youssef (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison
Gracen Chungath, Assistant Director, Cultural Services
Richard Newirth, Managing Director, Cultural Services
Marg Specht, Director of Special Projects, Community Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the ACPC.

Following due process it was

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Sharman King

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council appoint Donna Spencer as Chair; term to end February 28, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Sean Bickerton
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council appoint Paddy Macleod and Esther Rausenberg as Co-Vice-Chairs; terms to end February 28, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings, Ms. Spencer assumed the Chair.

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Barb Clausen

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Norman Armour, Mitra Mansour, Nigel Prince, Eric Szeto and Marcus Youssef for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Terry Hunter

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the Minutes from the meeting held October 6, 2015, as amended on page 5, Item 8, to strike and replace “Thursday” with “Tuesday”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Arts and Culture Policy Council - Liaison Updates

The following ACPC liaisons provided updates on the following and responded to questions:

- Councillor Heather Deal:
 - Independent Arts and Culture Fund;
 - Policy related to places of assembly;
 - False Creek Flats Emerging Directions; members are encouraged to provide input at: <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/false-creek-flats.aspx>; and
 - New Years Eve Fireworks.
- Wendy Soobis, Civic Theatres (VCT)
 - Financial Report; preliminary year-end figures show VCT in the black;
 - Revitalization Projects; ongoing
 - Community Engagement; unallocated grants re-allocated to other non-profit groups for community engagement activities;
 - RFP for QE Restaurant operator; negotiations underway with proponent;
 - City-wide space/facility needs; study in progress, slated for summer completion; and
 - Orpheum Feasibility Study should be completed in a few months.

- Richard Newirth, Cultural Services
 - New General Manager of Community Services begins February 9, 2016;
 - Report on feasibility of a destination site and/or sites for signature public art works;
 - Music Canada talk with Graham Henderson, President and CEO; and
 - Creativity and culture conversation with John Michael Schert, University of Chicago; VEC and senior City staff are invited; will report back.
- Marg Specht, Cultural Services
 - Music Canada talk with Graham Henderson, President and CEO; link to website: <http://musiccanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Mastering-of-a-Music-City.pdf>;
 - Funding for Canada's 150 Anniversary celebration; and
 - Funding for Expo 86's 30th Anniversary celebration.

2. Report from the Chair

The Chair provided a report which included the following and responded to questions:

- Participation at the Music Canada talk with Graham Henderson, President and CEO;
- “Access to City Services Without Fear” policy meeting; ACPC input required:
 - Melody Ma and Paddy Macleod agreed to attend the meeting on February 11, 2016; 5 to 6 pm, at City Hall;
- Status of temple at 301 East Hastings; RFP posted for architectural study on proposed uses; concerned building could be knocked down;
 - Councillor Deal will follow-up with Heritage Staff; and
- Downtown Vancouver Reimagined (<http://reimaginedowntown.com/report>).

3. Sub-committee Reports

a) Community Outreach Sub-committee

Sean Bickerton and Terry Hunter provided an update on a proposed community consultation event, and sought the ACPC's direction on feasibility.

In discussion, members suggested the sub-committee liaise with the Alliance for Arts and Culture and the Greater Vancouver Theatre Alliance with regard to the consultation processes that both organizations have undertaken and/or are undertaking.

b) Spaces Sub-committee

Katherine McManus and Sharman King provided a brief update on the following:

- Sub-committee's Terms of Reference has been approved; and
- CMHC's proposed uses for the Emily Carr University site on Granville Island.

Ms. McManus noted Sebastian Lippa would like feedback on bringing arts to Granville Island and that she will forward his email.

c) Strategic Liaison Sub-committee

None

4. New Business

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Melody Ma

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, March 22, 2016
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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