A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council (ACPC) was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 5:07 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Sue Biely
Charmaine Carpenter
Belle Cheung
Barb Clausen
Michelle Cyca
Phillip Djwa
Andrea Gin
Terry Hunter
Brian McBay
Wendy Soobis
Donna Spencer

ABSENT: Norman Armour (Leave of Absence)
Nick Gregson (Leave of Absence)
Sharman King (Leave of Absence)
Nigel Prince (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison
Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison) (via teleconference)

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOVED by Phillip Djwa
SECONDED by Sue Biely

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council elect Donna Spencer as Chair, to commence immediately and end November 4, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Barb Clausen

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council elect Terry Hunter and Brian McBay as Co-Vice Chairs, to commence immediately and end November 4, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
At this point in the proceedings, Donna Spencer assumed the Chair.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Terry Hunter
SECONDED by Charmaine Carpenter

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Norman Armour, Nick Gregson, Sharman King and Nigel Prince for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes - March 21, 2017

MOVED by Brian McBay
SECONDED by Barb Clausen

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the minutes from the meeting held March 21, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Liaison Updates

ACPC Liaisons provided updates as follows and responded to questions:

- Councillor Elizabeth Ball:
  - New Creative City Strategy passed unanimously; and
  - recent VSB event re: heritage and art.

- Councillor Heather Deal:
  - Reports of interest recently passed:
    - False Creek Flats; support a new innovation economy while protecting the existing industrial economy;
    - Complete Streets Policy Framework; opportunity for arts and culture;
    - Engaged City Update; engaging people through arts and culture;
    - New Creative City Strategy; and
    - 2018 Juno Awards; Host City funding approved.

- Branislav Henselmann, Staff Liaison:
  - Creative City Strategy:
    - staff will report back to Council in the first quarter of 2018;
    - public engagement will begin this Fall; and
  - a Cultural Services ‘meet and greet’ session is scheduled for June 20th at The Annex.
• Wendy Soobis, VCT Liaison:
  o proposed dates for ACPC members to tour VCT facilities:
    ▪ Orpheum Theatre and The Annex - July 10th;
    ▪ Queen Elizabeth (QE) Theatre and Playhouse - August 10th.
  o ongoing capital improvements at QE;
  o public programming in the Plaza; and
  o visual arts program in the QE lobby.

2. Chair’s Report

The Chair provided a brief report as follows:
• submitted a letter on behalf of ACPC in support of the New Creative City Strategy;
• met with the Staff Liaison to discuss a plan on compiling all relevant Cultural policy for review, i.e. Culture Plan, Greenest City Action Plan and Healthy City Strategy; will conduct a web search; and
• referred to the Vancouver School Board’s recent budget, which includes funding cuts to arts and culture programs, and noted there is need for a VSB Liaison.

Discussion included the timeline for review of policy and whether to reschedule the working session on June 20th, in order to attend the Cultural Services ‘meet and greet’. Subsequently, members agreed to reschedule the working session after the ‘meet and greet’.

It was also agreed that newly appointed members buddy up with incumbents to gain a better understanding of the ACPC’s role as an advisory committee to Council.

Actions:
• the Chair, with assistance from Brian McBay, will compile some key Cultural Policy documents and forward to members; and
• the Meeting Coordinator will cancel the working session scheduled for June 20th;
• Terry Hunter will conduct a poll for the rescheduled working session, following the June 20th ‘meet and greet’ and before the next regular meeting on July 18th.

3. Sub-Committee Membership

The Chair provided a brief overview on sub-committee mandates and membership as follows:

Community Engagement:
  o Terry Hunter, Chair
  o Charmaine Carpenter
  o Belle Cheung
  o Barb Clausen

Cultural Spaces (formerly Spaces/Cultural Venues/Facilities/Infrastructure):
  o Brian McBay, Chair
  o Michelle Cyca
  o Sue Biely
  o Norman Armour
  o Sharman King
Strategic Liaison (*Chair to be confirmed*):
- Phillip Djwa
- Andrea Gin
- Nigel Prince

4. **Work Plan Discussion**

There was a brief discussion on the Work Plan and it was suggested focus be on existing Council policy and initiatives. The Chair agreed to prepare and forward a draft to the Vice-Chairs for review and comments, prior to submitting to the City Clerk.

5. **New Business**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Brian McBay
SECONDED by Michelle Cyca

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

- **DATE:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017
- **TIME:** 5 pm
- **PLACE:** Committee Room No. 1
  Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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