



ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2018

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council (ACPC) was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 5:07 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Donna Spencer, Chair
Sue Biely
Cathy Busby
Charmaine Carpenter*
Michelle Cyca*
Phillip Djwa
Christy Goerzen
Andrea Gin*
Sharman King*
Brian McBay, Vice-Chair
Wendy Soobis

ABSENT: Norman Armour (Leave of Absence)
Belle Cheung (Leave of Absence)
Terry Hunter, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Nigel Prince

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison
School Board Trustee Estrellita Gonzalez
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services
Lara Honrado, Assistant Director, Cultural Services
Metha Brown, Social Planner, Cultural Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

** Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.*

Welcome

The ACPC welcomed Cathy Busby and Christy Goerzen.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Sue Biely
SECONDED by Michelle Cyca

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Norman Amour, Belle Cheung and Terry Hunter for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Charmaine Carpenter, Andrea Gin and Sharman King absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2018

MOVED by Brian McBay
SECONDED by Charmaine Carpenter

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 9, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Liaison Updates

ACPC Liaisons provided updates as follows and responded to questions:

- Councillor Elizabeth Ball:
 - Launch of the Creative City Strategy;
 - Performance and arts space in new developments; and
 - Events at the Arts Club Theatre, Vancouver Art Gallery and The Cultch.
- Wendy Soobis, Vancouver Civic Theatres Board Liaison:
 - The Annex Theatre will feature 22 visual artists who were selected from 58 proposals and will be performing from April 2018 through December 2018.
- Cathy Busby– Public Art Committee Liaison:
 - Public Art Committee new members: David MacWilliam and Monique Fouquet; and
 - Germaine Koh is the new artist-in-residence for the City's Engineering Department

2. Chair's Report

The Chair reviewed her discussions with the City's Indigenous Relations Manager and expressed the importance of Truth and Reconciliation. The Chair further noted she attended The Coastal First Nations Dance Festival – a celebration of the stories, songs and dances of the Indigenous peoples. She acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

The Chair also noted the Provincial government's boost in the BC Arts Council funding by \$15 million over three years. On this front, the Chair mentioned she had written a letter of acknowledgement on behalf of the ACPC.

3. Creative City Plan Update

The Staff Liaison, along with Lara Honrado, Assistant Director, Cultural Services, and Metha Brown, Social Planner, Cultural Services, provided an update on the following:

- Sandra Singh will be starting her new role as General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services on April 3, 2018.
- Update on the Creative City Strategy, including the focus groups held and key Council meeting dates: May 15/16, 2018 and July 10/11, 2018.

Cultural Services staff responded to questions.

4. Sub-committee Reports

a) Cultural Spaces

Brian McBay, Vice-Chair, provided an update including the addition of new members to the subcommittee.

5. Working Session Discussion and Feedback

The Chair sought feedback from the ACPC regarding their thoughts on community perception of the arts, from advocating and funding to cultural spaces and affordability. Discussion ensued amongst the group and will continue at the next working session.

6. New Business

a) Acknowledgement Letters

The ACPC agreed to the Chair's notion that she write a letter to several members of the arts community who have contributed greatly to the arts sector.

b) Vancouver Public Library Representative (VPL)

Councillor Ball will confer with the Nominations Subcommittee on the possibility of having a VPL representative on the ACPC.

c) Indigenous Liaisons

The ACPC discussed inviting Indigenous Relations staff to the next meeting.

Adjournment

MOVED by Phillip Djwa
SECONDED by Brian McBay

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Michelle Cyca absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 2018
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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