



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 15, 2017

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 5:13 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Hannah Reinhart, Chair
Noel Best
Cathy Busby
Nick Gregson
Marisa Sanchez, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Andy Croft (Leave of Absence)
Chris Jones (Leave of Absence)
Makiko Hara
Debra Rolfe (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal - Council Liaison
Eric Fredericksen, Public Art Program Manager
Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, Public Art, Planning
and Facilities Development - Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Cathy Busby
SECONDED by Marisa Sanchez

THAT Andy Croft and Chris Jones be granted Leaves of Absence for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Marisa Sanchez
SECONDED by Nick Gregson

THAT Cathy Busby be granted a Leave of Absence for the June 19, 2017, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Noel Best
SECONDED by Cathy Busby

THAT the Minutes of the Public Art Committee meeting held on April 24, 2017, be approved, with the following corrections:

- The following sentence be corrected regarding to Item No. 3 - Vancouver Coastal Health - Vancouver General Hospital (VGH):

“Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, noted that should a suitable art piece not be completed prior to the request for occupancy, the City would receive a letter of credit, as security for the artwork until completion.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item No. 4 as the first item of business. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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1. Imani - 2395 - 2443 Kingsway

Jan Ballard, Public Art Consultant, accompanied by Darren Trester, Imani, provided an introduction to the Imani development at 2395 - 2443 Kingsway. Ms. Ballard reviewed the public art opportunity location, budget, timeline, selection process, potential panelists, and along with Mr. Trester, responded to questions and comments by Committee members.

Ms. Ballard will return with a detailed public art plan for the Committee's consideration.

2. Westbank - First Baptist Church - 969 Burrard / 1019 - 1045 Nelson

Reid Shier, Public Art Consultant, accompanied by Amirali Javidan, Bing Thom Architects, provided an introduction to the Westbank development at 969 Burrard / 1019 - 1045 Nelson. Mr. Shier reviewed the public art opportunity location and considerations, budget, timeline and components of the project, selection process, potential panelists and desired artist qualities. Mr. Shier also presented examples of types of artwork that may work in the location.

Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, provided a brief overview of the City's general guidelines for project budgets and noted that most consultants' provide services in areas from research, selection, and varying degrees of project management and public relations. It was noted that perhaps the guidelines for consultants are something the Committee could revisit in the future. The Committee can ask for clarification on the services provided.

3. GWL Realty Advisors - 753 Seymour (Vancouver Centre 2)

Karen Mills, Public Art Consultant, accompanied by Renante Solivar, MCM Architects, provided an introduction to 753 Seymour Street (Vancouver Centre 2). Ms. Mills reviewed the public art opportunity location, budget, timeline, sustainability considerations, selection process, potential panelists, and maintenance considerations. In addition to the public art opportunity, Ms. Mills introduced an additional aspect, which includes a mentorship opportunity for a young, emerging, local artist.

Ms. Mills would like suggestions/feedback to be forwarded to Ms. Henry who will pass it along to her. Ms. Mills will return to present the detailed public art plan.

4. Civic Project Updates

Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, presented images of Erica Stocking's bronze piece "All My Favourite People are Animals", which has been completed and is located in the newly open Strathcona Library.

- Councillor Deal noted that the YMCA played an important role in the realization of the project, and the naming process was a successful example of collaboration.

Ms. Henry noted that the "Poodle" public art piece has been cleaned and also mentioned that the City does spend time regularly monitoring the maintaining of public art pieces.

Ms. Henry informed the Committee that there will be an upcoming Call to Artists for Artist-initiated projects, and presented examples of past Artist-initiated projects. Ms. Henry reviewed the Call to Artists opportunity timeline, information session, budget structure, and goals and mentioned these Artist-initiated projects occur roughly every five years. It is hoped that the Call will go out next week, and staff are looking at ways to increase awareness of the call.

Ms. Henry informed the Committee that there will be a Northeast False Creek park concept design public presentation on June 10, 2017 on Carrall Street.

Councillor Deal commented that the City is striving to not isolate public art, but rather incorporate it into stimulating the public realm.

5. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Noel Best
SECONDED by Cathy Busby

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: June 19, 2017
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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