



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 17, 2017

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, July 17, 2017, at 5:08 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Noel Best
Cathy Busby*
Nick Gregson
Makiko Hara
Debra Rolfe*
Marisa Sanchez, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Andy Croft (Leave of Absence)
Chris Jones (Leave of Absence)
Hannah Reinhart, Chair (Leave of Absence)

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

* Denotes absence for a portion of meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Cathy Busby
SECONDED by Makiko Hara

THAT Hannah Reinhart be granted a Leave of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Debra Rolfe absent for vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Marissa Sanchez
SECONDED by Nick Gregson

THAT the Minutes of the Public Art Committee meeting held on June 19, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Debra Rolfe absent for vote)

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

Reid Shier, Public Art Consultant, presented a Detailed Public Art Plan for the new development at the First Baptist Church and responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

Mr. Shier reviewed the public art opportunity location(s), budget, scale, sightlines, selection and jury process, and noted that feedback from the Public Art Committee had been incorporated into this updated selection process.

MOVED by Marissa Sanchez
SECONDED by Noel Best

THAT the Public Art Committee recommend approval of the Detailed Public Art Plan for the Westbank - First Baptist Church development at 969 Burrard /1019 - 1045 Nelson, as presented to the Committee at its meeting on July 17, 2017.

CARRIED
(Cathy Busby abstained from the vote)

Note: Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".

2. Vancouver Coastal Health - VGH Segal Centre

Sarah Dobbs, Public Art Consultant, presented an overview of the selection process and introduced the selected artist for the site. This item was previously presented to the Committee on March 20 and again on April 24 2017; approval was recommended subject to consultation with the Committee at concept development. Ms. Dobbs responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

The selected artist, Torrie Groening, introduced herself and reviewed some of her past art works. Ms. Groening expressed a strong connection to the project and the Committee wished her success with this complex artist opportunity. Ms. Groening agreed to share the final concept design with the Committee.

It was noted that this Public Art Opportunity is part of an older agreement, which designates the artist fees at a lower rate than what are currently in place.

3. Civic Project - Vancouver Library Square - 350 West Georgia Street

As Maureen Smith was unable to attend, Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, provided a brief update on the panel and selection process for the artist opportunity on the eighth and ninth floors of the Vancouver Public Library, to open in summer of 2018. The goal is to have a short list of candidates by September.

4. Civic Project Updates

Ms. Henry provided an update on the Canada 150+ mural project and illustrated a few of the eight recommended designs. Four are currently being installed and should be ready for the Drum is Calling Festival, which begins July 24, 2017.

Ms. Henry also noted that approximately 200 applications for the Open call for artist-initiated artworks have been received, and the selection panel will begin reviewing proposals later this month.

5. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Makiko Hara
SECONDED by Noel Best

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Cathy Busby absent for vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: September 11, 2017
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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