



## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**December 16, 2019**

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 5:05 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Monique Fouquet, Vice-Chair  
Cathy Busby  
Laiwan  
David MacWilliam  
Brenda Crabtree

**ABSENT:** Noel Best (Leave of Absence)  
Andy Croft (Leave of Absence)  
Debra Rolfe  
Marisa Sanchez (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Kirby-Yung, Council Liaison  
Eric Fredericksen, Head of the Public Art Program,  
Cultural Services  
Karen Henry, Public Art Planner, Cultural Services,  
Staff Liaison  
Tatiana Mellema, Public Art Planner, Cultural Services  
Julia Hulbert, Arts and Culture Planner, Park Board

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Denise Swanston, Meeting Coordinator

### **WELCOME**

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Cathy Busby  
SECONDED by David MacWilliam

THAT the Public Art Committee approve leaves of absence for Noel Best, Andy Croft, and Marisa Sanchez, for this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Cathy Busby  
SECONDED by Brenda Crabtree

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the 2020 meeting schedule as circulated and as outlined below:

DATE	
January 13	July 13
February 10	<i>August (no meeting)</i>
March 16	September 14
April 20	October 19
May 11	November 16
June 15	December 14

All meetings to be held on Mondays at 5:00 pm, in the Business Centre meeting room, second floor, Vancouver City Hall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by David MacWilliam  
SECONDED by Laiwan

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of October 21, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Civic Updates

Staff provided updates on the following projects:

- 2019 Artist Initiated Call
- Deaccessioning of Ron Terada's *The Words Don't Fit the Picture*
- New artworks recently launched:
  - *Set Pieces* and *Life Under the Marquee* by Germaine Koh
  - Mount Pleasant Community Art Screen (MPCAS)
  - *Still Standing* by Samuel Roy-Bois
  - *Rewilding: "You want to return to the land but does the land want you?"* by Whess Harman

The Committee asked to be kept apprised of upcoming launches in time to attend.

## **2. St. George's School – 4175 West 29 Avenue (PPAP)**

Jan Ballard, Public Art Consultant, introduced the public art opportunities and along with Neil Piller, Director of Risk Management, St. George's School, provided a brief history of the school and the progress of the rezoning for the development, acknowledging the school's location on unceded Musqueam lands. In light of the school's work to build strong relations with the Musqueam Nation and make their connection to the place visible, the preliminary art plan proposes issuing a call for Musqueam artists. Following the introduction, both Jan and Neil responded to questions from the Committee.

Committee members expressed concerns about limiting the call to Musqueam artists:

- The number of artists in one Nation is limited; also the idea to include two Musqueam artists/ representatives on the panel may be a high demand on the Nation.
- Consider Upper Canada College example of engagement with the local Nation and others; reconciliation is about working together; restricting the call will not necessarily make for the most meaningful move toward reconciliation.

The Committee felt that if St. George's feels strongly about limiting the call to Musqueam artists, they need to provide a rationale to support the decision.

## **3. Mount Pleasant Community Art Screen**

Maureen Smith, Public Art Consultant, provided an update on the new 4x7 metre outdoor Mount Pleasant Community Art Screen (MPCAS), located on the east side of the Independent Building at Broadway and Kingsway. Maureen and Glenn Alteen, Program Director, grunt gallery, summarized the public art process and the challenges associated with the process, and responded to questions from the Committee.

Karen Henry, staff liaison, thanked Maureen and Glenn for their extraordinary vision for the project and their patience with the process.

## **4. Opal, Agents of Change Public Art Project**

Ann Pollock, Public Art Consultant, provided an update on the Agents of Change art project being planned as part of the 438 West King Edward development (Detailed Public Art Plan was approved by the Public Art Committee on April 24, 2017). Ann noted that a team of three to four photo-based artists will be developing workshops and evolving artwork opportunities with seniors at Hillcrest Community Centre. The project is in partnership with the Parks Arts and Health Program and will begin in February 2020 and is anticipated to wrap up by spring 2022.

## **5. Spinning Chandelier**

Staff provided an update on this artwork, the process and the launch. Staff provided a brief history and reviewed the timeline of the project. (Detailed Public Art Plan was approved by the Public Art Committee on January 13, 2014.)

Committee members expressed concern about negative public response in relation to the homelessness crisis and potential impact on future art processes. Concern was also expressed

on the magnitude of the change in budget from the original proposal. The committee asked staff to clarify the process related to developments pooling their public art piece requirements. Staff advised these decisions are made at the staff level. Staff have been asked to complete a review of the private sector art program, including pooling of funds.

There was a discussion of ways to ensure that the public is aware of the range of projects that the program produces. It was noted that staff, in conjunction with SFU, are launching a lecture series on Public Art.

## **6. Review and Motions**

None.

## **7. New Business**

The Committee would appreciate further discussion surrounding a developer's ability to bracket a particular subset of artists for a public art opportunity.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by David MacWilliam  
SECONDED by Brenda Crabtree

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, January 13, 2020  
TIME: 5:00 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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