



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 10, 2020

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on February 10, 2020, at 5:00 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Monique Fouquet, Chair
Noel Best
Cathy Busby
Brenda Crabtree
Desiree Drewitt
Devon Knowles
Laiwan, Vice-Chair
Zoya Siddiqui

ABSENT: Debra Rolfe, Leave of Absence

ALSO PRESENT: Karen Henry, Public Art Planner, Cultural Services, Staff Liaison
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services
Julia Hulbert, Arts & 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 Tseil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Cathy Busby
SECONDED by Laiwan

THAT the Public Art Committee approve a leave of absence for Debra Rolfe for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Appoint Liaison to Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

The Committee agreed to postpone this discussion to the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Cathy Busby
SECONDED by Noel Best

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 13, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Civic Updates

Karen Henry, staff liaison, provided an update on the following projects:

- Upcoming untitled Public Art Grant process
 - Karen encouraged members to sign up for [Cultural Service's](#) email updates
- *Agents of Change* project at the Opal Development
- Fourth annual Indigenous mural artist call will be going out soon
- #Time2Talk about Public Art invitation from Councillor Wiebe
 - Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services, provided a brief overview.
 - Some members expressed concern regarding the lack of advanced notice or opportunity for input from the Committee, and the event seems focused on particular organizations.
 - The group would like to encourage Councillors to contact them regarding public art initiatives.

2. Strand Development - Fraser and 22nd (PPAP)

Bayan Ferzandi and Christina Hirukawa of Expanded Field introduced public art opportunities for the new development located at Fraser Street and 22nd, and responded to questions relating to the public art opportunity locations, budget, mediums, panel and selection process.

The Committee suggested maintaining the opportunities as open to artist' approaches, including indigenous artists on the panel and providing a long list of art professionals proposed for the panel for input.

3. Update on *Culture/Shift* Plan

Metha Brown, Cultural Planner, provided an update on the *Culture/Shift* Plan including strategic directions and actions as they relate to Public Art, and summarized outcomes, challenges, and related goals.

Branislav highlighted the importance the Public Art Committee, along with the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board and the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, in the implementation of the *Culture/Shift* Plan.

4. Review and Motions

The Committee reiterated their preference for detailed budgets to be included when plans are presented to the Committee as well as information regarding how the artist will be supported, should the art consultant not stay on for the duration of the project.

5. New Business

The Committee discussed how some public art opportunities presented to the Committee seem to be pre-determined and the potential locations for art on the site tend to be limited. The Committee questioned whether information and precedent examples of public art can be provided to developers as a way for them to see how public art can *enhance* their development, rather than view it as just a requirement they need to abide by.

The Committee reiterated their desire for information from past public art participants (e.g. artists, panelists) to better understand the challenges and opportunities within the public art process.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Cathy Busby
SECONDED by Noel Best

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: March 16, 2020
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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