

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 14, 2025

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 5:01 PM, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall and via electronic means.

PRESENT:	Sara MacLellan, Chair Ben Bogart Anna Gibson Steve Jedreicich Noberto Monterona Shreshtha John Steil Carina Sun, Vice-Chair*
ABSENT:	Crystal Wolfe
ALSO PRESENT:	Krystal Paraboo, Interim Head of Public Art; Staff Liaison Sahar Issapour, Planning Assistant Laiwan, Arts and Culture Planner, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Taimiya Khalid, Coordinator, Planning Committees

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Ben Bogart SECONDED by John Steil

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Monday, July 14, 2025, as circulated;

FURTHER THAT approval of the minutes from the special meeting of July 9, 2025 be postponed to the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Steve Jedreicich abstained)

1. Mondivan – 2110 W 5th Avenue (PPAP)

Anabella Alfonzo, Public Art Consultant, presented the Preliminary Public Art Plan (PPAP) for this new development located in the Kitsilano neighborhood.

2. Qualex - 701 Kingsway (PPAP)

Jan Ballard, Public Art Consultant, presented the Preliminary Public Art Plan (PPAP) for this new development located in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood.

3. Review and Motions

MOVED by John Steil SECONDED by Ben Bogart

THAT the Public Art Committee receive for information the preliminary public art plan (PPAP) for the development located at 2110 W 5th Avenue, as presented;

FURTHER THAT the Public Art Committee recommend the following in developing the detailed public art plan:

- Barriers for equity-seeking groups in the selection of long-lists, panels, and advisors be identified and strategies for addressing those barriers be implemented and demonstrated;
- The public art consultant be more imaginative, thoughtful and integrative on the placement and incorporation of public art on the development including areas that might be defined by the artist and responsive to the community and inclusion of accessible public signage;
- Include brief biographies of those proposed for the community advisory and artist selection panel to explain what they bring to the process;
- Ensure artist involvement in the panels, not just art professionals;
- Artist proposal fee should be at least doubled considering CARFAC guidelines;
- Provide more detailed information about what the public artwork includes and what is the responsibility of the artist, and what supports the developer and public art consultant will provide the artist during installation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ben Bogart SECONDED by Noberto Monterona THAT the Public Art Committee receive for information the preliminary public art plan (PPAP) for the development located at 701 Kingsway, as presented;

FURTHER THAT the Public Art Committee recommend the following in developing the detailed public art plan:

- Research possibilities for artworks with potential links with McAuley Park;
- Consider any sound issues in consideration of the public art, including echoes from street noise, sound absorption of material including plants, and the water feature as well as the possibility of sound-based work;
- Continue to identify barriers for equity-seeking groups in the selection of long-lists, panels, and advisors, and strategies for addressing those barriers be implemented and demonstrated;
- Better integrate the equity statement policies with proposal requirements and selection processes;
- Consider the seniors community in the neighbourhood for community engagement and the advisory panel;
- Reconsider the developer's contingency to establish a higher allowance for unforeseen additional costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

5. New Business

The Committee discussed opportunities for revitalising the role of PAC.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ben Bogart SECONDED by Carina Sun

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE:	Monday, September 15, 2025
TIME:	5:00 PM
PLACE:	Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall / Microsoft Teams

The Committee adjourned at 6:58 PM.

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