



## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**October 21, 2019**

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 5:05 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Marisa Sanchez, Chair  
Noel Best  
Cathy Busby  
Andy Croft  
Monique Fouquet, Vice-Chair  
Laiwan  
David MacWilliam  
Debra Rolfe\*

**ABSENT:** Brenda Crabtree (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Eric Fredericksen, Head of the Public Art Program,  
Cultural Services  
Karen Henry, Public Art Planner, Cultural Services,  
Staff Liaison  
Julia Hulbert, Arts & Culture Planner, Park Board

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### **WELCOME**

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

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Monique Fouquet  
SECONDED by Cathy Busby

THAT the Public Art Committee approve a leave of absence for Brenda Crabtree, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Debra Rolfe absent for the vote)

MOVED by Andy Croft  
SECONDED by David MacWilliam

THAT the Public Art Committee approve a leave of absence for Laiwan, for the November 18, 2019, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Debra Rolfe absent for the vote)

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Cathy Busby  
SECONDED by Andy Croft

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of September 16, 2019, with the following changes:

- Item 5 – Change the words “long-term donations” to “considerations for long-term loans, as articulated by Julia Hulbert.”
- Item 3 – Adjust wording to “Due to time constraints the item was not dealt with but will be considered at the October 21, 2019, meeting.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Debra Rolfe absent for the vote)

### **1. Civic Updates**

Karen Henry, Staff Liaison, provided an update on *Adrift* by Rebecca Belmore, noting a potential launch date of November 14.

Eric Fredericksen, Head of the Public Art Program, provided updates on the following:

- Public Art Committee membership renewals - staff encouraged members to re-apply and to forward the application to anyone members feel may be a good fit on the Committee;
- Artist Initiated Call – Panel reviewed 13 short-listed proposals and made recommendations for six of those projects; and
- Murals – Temporary Modular Housing on Union Street has been completed; Chinatown will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **2. Engineering Artist in Residence**

Engineering Services’ Artist in Residence (AIR), Germaine Koh, along with Kris Hall, Engineering Services, presented on Koh’s artist in residence experience. Germaine and Kris provided an overview of the AIR Program structure and goals, project funding, differences between AIR and Public Art projects, and spoke to challenges in being the first Engineering Services’ Artist in Residence.

In addition to hosting staff workshops, presenters summarized the following completed projects:

- Women Deliver Cities Exhibition
- Painting on the Sewer Lines at Nanaimo Street Sewer Project
- Demo Model

Projects that are in progress were also summarized:

- Sewerscape
- Power Up Station
- Data Points

Germaine and Kris noted a few other concepts in the development phase and following the presentation, responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

### **3. Anthem – 1698 West Georgia (DPAP)**

Jan Ballard, Public Art Consultant, along with Paul Fabbish, Senior Vice President of Development, Anthem, presented a Detailed Public Art Plan (DPAP) for the development located at West Georgia Street and Bidwell Street. The Preliminary Public Art Plan was first introduced to the Public Art Committee on July 15, 2019.

The presenters, along with Chris Carter, Development Manager, Anthem, responded to questions and comments.

Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by David MacWilliam  
SECONDED by Debra Rolfe

THAT the Public Art Committee defer decision on Item 3 to Item 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **4. Deaccessioning Report**

Eric discussed the Deaccession Policy, noting that the policy was designed for seldom use. It was clarified that if the Public Art Committee agrees, a jury can be requested to review an art piece for deaccession. The artist would be informed and offered an opportunity to respond; the jury's recommendation would be shared with Council and the Public Art Committee.

Staff presented Ron Terada's *The Words Don't Fit The Picture* for consideration of deaccessioning, noting that the piece is in not in working condition due to failure of its lighting elements; the piece has not been lit for the last few months. It was noted that the cost to rehabilitate the piece would be approximately \$75,000, and that the library is planning to redesign the site, which would necessitate relocation of the artwork at a cost of approximately \$53,000.

The Committee requested to view the original contract for the art piece, which staff agreed to bring to the next meeting.

Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Monique Fouquet  
SECONDED by Andy Croft

THAT the Public Art Committee (PAC) requests a jury, as determined by staff in collaboration with PAC, to review the deaccessioning of *The Words Don't Fit The Picture* by Ron Terada, as discussed at its meeting on October 21, 2019;

FURTHER THAT the following individuals sit as jury members:

- David MacWilliam, Public Art Committee;
- Dawn Ibey, Vancouver Public Library;
- Kimberly Phillips, Writer and Curator; and
- Lorna Brown, Artist-Curator, as an alternate, should Kimberly Phillips not be available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Debra Rolfe absent for the vote)

## **5. Review and Motions**

### **Anthem – 1698 West Georgia (DPAP)**

Some Committee members felt the budget was low in relation to the development, the site was small, and the opportunity was limited and prescriptive. Some Committee members also felt the community engagement aspect seemed predetermined unclear on how it would impact the proposal.

The Committee provided general comments regarding the public art process, noting they felt the public art aspect often seems like an inconvenience to developers. The Committee reiterated a previous suggestion to create a Public Art hand-out to provide developers.

Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Noel Best  
SECONDED by David MacWilliam

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the Detailed Public Art Plan for the development at West Georgia Street and Bidwell Street, as presented at its meeting on October 21, 2019, subject to clarification on the engagement and community advisors' roles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Debra Rolfe absent for the vote)

## 6. New Business

In response to a member's question, Eric noted that the site analysis for Ken Lum's *Monument for East Vancouver* is still underway and further information may be available at the next meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Cathy Busby  
SECONDED by David MacWilliam

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Debra Rolfe absent for the vote)

## Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 18, 2019  
TIME: 5:00 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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