



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 10, 2012

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 4:37 pm in the Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Rachel Lafo, Chair
Naveen Girn
Hugh Ker
Mitra Mansour
Richard Tetrault, Vice-Chair
Julien Thomas
Renee Van Halm

ABSENT: Annie Li (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager, Cultural Services
Karen Henry, Senior Public Art Planner, Cultural Services, Planning & Facilities Development

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Richard Tetrault
SECONDED by Rene Van Halm

THAT the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2012, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leave of Absence Requests

A leave of absence was approved for Annie Li for this meeting.

1. 1401 Comox Street

Frank Stebner, Architect, Henriquez Partners Architects, and Reid Shier, Project Public Art Consultant, presented the detailed public art plan for the residential development at 1401 Comox Street and, along with Jan Ballard, Consultant, Ballard Fine Arts Ltd, responded to questions regarding historic aspects of the site, artist selection process, construction timeline, and the incorporation of art and landscaping.

MOVED by Renee Van Halm
SECONDED by Naveen Girn

THAT the Public Art Committee (PAC) approve the Detailed Public Art Plan for the Westbank/Peterson development at 1061 Broughton Street, as known as 1401 Comox Street, as presented at the September 10, 2012, PAC meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Restructuring Public Art Funding

Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager, Cultural Services, outlined the motion passed by City Council on February 28, 2012, with regard to the Civic Public Art Program, and gave an update on the report to Council. He noted further information about the restructuring and funding of the public art program will be provided at the next PAC meeting.

Committee comments will be requested before the report goes to Council, possibly during a working session with Committee members.

The Committee briefly discussed the roles of the Arts and Culture Policy Council and the Public Art Committee, sculpture parks, the Biennale, and identifying potential sites for public art.

3. Other Business

(a) Hillcrest Park Geyser

Karen Henry, Senior Public Art Planner, noted the Opening Reception on September 15, 2012, to celebrate the new public artwork by artists Vanessa Kwan and Erica Stocking, commissioned by the City.

(b) SPOTA Mosaic

Richard Tetrault described the history and work on the mosaic commemorating the Strathcona Property Owners and Tenants Association (SPOTA). The launch is planned for November 2012.

(c) Future Topics

Potential topics for future PAC meetings included: a discussion on the interface between private development and public access to the development, the definition of public art, and Committee plans for year-end. The Committee agreed to share their favourite "top 10" samples of public art (from anywhere) at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Renee Van Halm
SECONDED by Richard Tetrault

THAT the Public Art Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, October 15, 2012
TIME: 4:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 5:48 pm

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