



ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2013

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 5:00 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Marcus Youssef, Chair
Graeme Berglund
Thomas Cannell
Hugh Cochlin
Chan Hon Goh
Amy Kazymmerchyk, Vice-Chair
Sharman King
Paddy Macleod
Katherine McManus
Nigel Prince
Esther Rausenberg
Eric Szeto
Charlie Wu

ABSENT: Mary-Louise Albert
Becki Chan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, City of Vancouver
Commissioner Niki Sharma, Vancouver Park Board
Richard Newirth, Managing Director, Cultural Services
(*Staff Liaison*)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

1. Election - Arts and Culture Policy Council Chair and Vice-Chair

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Co-Chairs for the Arts and Culture Policy Council for 2013.

Following due process, the following were elected:

- Marcus Youssef was elected as Chair
- Amy Kazymmerchyk was elected as Vice-Chair

2. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Nigel Prince
SECONDED by Thomas Cannell

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve a leave of absence for Becki Chan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Sharman King

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Deal provided an update on current civic arts and culture related issues, and with the Staff Liaison, responded to questions. Matters brought forward included:

- strategies the City is exploring to protect the Waldorf Hotel as a cultural space;
- tentative rezoning proposal that, if approved, would create opportunity for artist studio space in industrial lands;
- mitigation efforts in dealing with complaints from W2; and
- policy items coming forward to Council in the spring that will require ACPC input.

5. Park Board Liaison Update

Commissioner Sharma provided an update on current arts and culture related issues. Matters brought forward included:

- park field houses being used as spaces for arts exhibits;
- interpretive park walks that include arts components; and
- “Public Art Program” projects in Vancouver parks.

Commissioner Sharma responded to questions regarding the process to apply for field house space and agreed to forward website links with additional information on the program.

6. Staff Liaison Update

The Staff Liaison provided an update on City initiatives and noted he is working closely with the Park Board and neighbourhood and community centres on future arts and culture initiatives. He also circulated a document entitled “Creative City” which provides background on arts and culture at the City.

7. Discussion on approaches to public outreach and awareness such as community planning workshops

It was agreed to delay consideration of organizing community engagement events until the next regular meeting.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

Sub-Committee Chairs provided updates regarding the activities of their respective Subcommittees.

It was agreed that Thomas Cannell will join the Education/Participation Sub-Committee. It was also agreed that the Education/Participation Sub-committee be folded into the Promotion Sub-Committee.

During the updates and discussion, it was reiterated the Council needs to obtain more information about City policy structures and processes along with a better understanding of the work of other Civic Agencies, before planning priorities and future work.

It was agreed the Policy Council Chair and Vice-Chair will each attend one other Civic Agency meeting and work with the Staff Liaison and the Chair on strategies to update the Policy Council on City policies and processes.

9. Proposed Schedule for Staff/Council Consultations with Arts and Culture Policy Council

10. Brief introduction to Cultural Strategy

11. Discussion of priorities for Arts and Culture Policy Council

The above-noted items were dealt with concurrently.

During discussion it was agreed the Staff Liaison and Chair will organize dates for monthly policy consultation meetings and send the schedule to ACPC members. Margeret Specht, Director, Grants, Awards and Support Programs, agreed to provide information on the grant process.

12. Review Next Steps

At its meeting on September 11, 2012, the Arts and Culture Policy Council postponed the following item (*Item 7.c.*) to the next regular meeting:

Developing a workplan and timeline for the Arts and Culture Policy Council and its Sub-Committees.

The Policy Council agreed postpone to this item to the next regular meeting.

13. Other Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDED by Paddy Macleod

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: March 5, 2013
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-ground, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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