



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 11, 2012

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, June 11, 2012, at 4:35 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Julien Thomas (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison
Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager,
Cultural Services
Karen Henry, Cultural Planner, Public Art,
Planning & Facilities Development
jil weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Environment,
Park Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Wendy Jao, Meeting Assistant

Leave of Absence Requests

There were no objections to granting a Leave of Absence to Julien Thomas for this meeting.

There were no objections to granting a Leave of Absence to Annie Li for the July 9, 2012, meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2012, were approved.

1. Election of Chair and Vice-chair

As the first order of business, the Committee appointed Rachel Lafo to serve as Chair and Richard Tetrault to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2012 term. Both were elected by acclamation.

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At this point in the proceedings, Rachel Lafo assumed the Chair.

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2. Detailed Public Art Plan - TelusGarden

Reid Shier, Director/Curator, Presentation House Gallery, and Gregory Henriquez, Henriquez Partners Architects, presented the Detailed Public Art Plan for Westbank Projects Corporation's mixed-use downtown development - TelusGarden, located between Robson and Richards and Georgia and Seymour streets (on file). Mr. Henriquez provided an overview of the architecture and design, and Mr. Shier provided an overview of the public art opportunity and selection process. They both responded to questions and comments. Hweely Lim of Westbank Projects Corporation and Shawn Lapointe of Henriquez Partners Architects, were also on hand for questions.

MOVED by Renee Van Halm
SECONDED by Richard Tetrault

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the Detailed Public Art Plan for TelusGarden, Westbank Projects Corporation's mixed-use development as presented at the June 11, 2012, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Detailed Public Art Plan - 70th Avenue and Granville Street

Rita Beiks, Public Art Consultant, Emily Goes Commercial Art Consultants, and Gregory Henriquez, Henriquez Partners Architects, presented and responded to questions on the Detailed Public Art Plan for 70th Avenue and Granville Street (on file), a mixed-use development situated on traditional Musqueam territory. Shawn Lapointe, Henriquez Partners Architects was also present and responded to questions.

MOVED by Annie Li
SECONDED by Richard Tetrault

THAT THE Public Art Committee approve the Detailed Public Art Plan for a mixed-use development at 1549 West 70th Avenue, as presented at the June 11, 2012, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 5 prior to Item 4. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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4. Long -term Loan Policies

Postponed to a future date.

5. Reports from Liaison Members

Jill P. Weaving, Park Board Liaison, provided information and responded to questions regarding a revised proposal for a monument to recognize Irish Canadians in Vancouver and Canada. The monument was originally proposed in 2009, at which time, the Public Art Committee's comments were that "The Public Art Committee was deeply mindful of the innumerable contributions to Canada made by persons from Ireland and their descendants, as revealed by the work and research undertaken by proponents of the Ireland Monument. However after carefully considering the proposed Ireland Monument and its preferred location against City and Park Board evaluation criteria, the committee finds it cannot recommend the Monument for the site proposed."

An alternative site with more connection to the Irish coming to Canada has now been found in Thornton Park. Ms. Weaving also provided information that the Ireland Canada Monument Society have been working with Park Board's Park Planning Department on a new design including a landscape feature consisting of a circular garden bed containing several concrete monument columns commemorating the contributions of Irish Canadians to Vancouver and Canada.

Brendan Flynn, Executive Director, The Ireland Canada Monument Project, spoke of the inspiration, symbolism and intent of the project and responded to questions.

MOVED by Annie Li
SECONDED by Hugh Ker

THAT the Public Art Committee appreciates the great progress The Ireland Canada Monument Project has made in the development of their proposal to install The Ireland Canada Monument in Thornton Park as presented at the June 11, 2012, meeting.

FURTHER THAT the Public Art Committee encourages The Ireland Canada Monument Project to integrate a sense of celebration into its design.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Other Business

Bryan Newson, Public Art Manager, provided an update on Public Art Committee member, Julien Thomas, who has been working to create Gather Round, "Vancouver's smallest park" in the middle of a traffic circle on East 10th Avenue and St. George Street.

Mr. Newson also informed the committee of the unveiling this morning of a Vancouver Healing Lodge, through the Vancouver Native Housing Society, which was created for First Nations people on medical stay.

Next Meeting:

DATE: July 9, 2012
TIME: 4:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1

The Committee adjourned at 6:44 pm.

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