



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 13, 2015

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, July 13, 2015, at 5 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Renee Van Halm, Chair
Joost Bakker
Nick Gregson
Ariel Lee
Mitra Mansour*
Hannah Reinhart
Steven Tong

ABSENT: Karen Love, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Jon Stovell

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal (Council Liaison)
Commissioner John Coupar (Park Board Liaison)
Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, Public Art,
Planning & Facilities Development, Cultural Services
Nigel Prince, Arts and Culture Policy Council Liaison
jil p. weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and
Environment, Parks and Recreation Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Steven Tong
SECONDED by Hannah Reinhart

THAT Karen Love be granted a leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mitra Mansour absent for the vote)

Introduction of New Member

The Committee welcomed new member, Nick Gregson, and Commissioner John Coupar, Park Board Liaison.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Joost Bakker
SECONDED by Ariel Lee

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Opal by Element Lifestyle Retirement Inc.- 408-488 West King Edward Avenue

Further to the discussion at the meeting on May 11, 2015, regarding a possible artist-in-residence for the above-noted seniors' care development, Barbara Cole, Public Art Consultant, provided an overview on her additional research on the matter. Ms. Cole also outlined a high-level model involving an artist program to be operated out of Hillcrest Community Centre in association of the existing Park Board Arts and Health Project. The model is intended to have the broad benefit of "seniors as being active agents of change". She noted that if there was general support for this direction, she would proceed with a proposed budget.

Following discussion and questions, the Committee expressed its general support for the direction presented at the meeting.

2. Civic Projects Update - Empire Fields and Plateau Park

Karen Henry provided an update on the presentation to Park Board regarding Empire Fields and Plateau Park, the upcoming artist talk, and presentation at the park opening. Discussion ensued and Ms. Henry, along with the Park Board Liaison, responded to questions.

Project details are available at vancouver.ca/home-and-away.

3. Civic Projects Update - Signature Projects

Karen Henry provided an overview of plans to review potential sites for major works around the city, and the Signature Projects initiative. She noted the City is seeking preliminary input on potential sites and project planning, and that a more formal process is forthcoming.

Round table discussion about potential sites ensued.

4. New Business

(a) Outdoor Lighting - Seeking Input from the Public Art Committee

The Chair reviewed an email received from Kathryn Lennon who is working for the summer as a Greenest City Scholar with Streets & Electrical Design Branch, doing research on an Outdoor Lighting Strategy for Vancouver. Karen Henry noted her office would provide a response to the Ms. Lennon, and will discuss with the Engineering Department and Sign By-law staff.

Following discussion, the Committee expressed agreement on recognizing light as an important medium for artwork and that it needs to be considered in each case when reviewing public art applications.

(b) Park Board Liaison Report

Commissioner Coupar reviewed the June 2015 Park Board Liaisons Report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mitra Monsour
SECONDED by Hanna Reinhart

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 14, 2015
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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