

Minutes

Tuesday, September 06, 2022

Electronic Participation at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Ayo Adewumi, Jean Bridge, Justus Duntsch, Stephen Remus, Susan Ashukian (Chair)

Absent:

Linda Carreiro, Mark Roe, Natasha Pedros

Guests:

Coun. Carlos Garcia

Staff Liaison:

Lori Mambella, Carly Anderson (recorder), Mandy Salter

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

S. Ashukian called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

S. Ashukian acknowledged that the land on which the Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

None

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved: J. Bridge

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: J. Bridge

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

None

7. Presentations (invited guests)

N/A

8. Business arising from the minutes

None

9. Business

9.1. Civic Art Collection

9.1.1. Centennial Totem Pole

M. Salter shared that Bruce Alfred, west coast carver, came to St. Catharines joined by Nikki Wells and Cole Speck to work at Geneva Street. It was later moved to Rex Stimers arena. The two junior artists left early. Had an open house to welcome community and stakeholders, Niagara Regional Native Centre presented drum song and smudge and Bruce was presented a gift. City engineers have met with Bruce to discuss new installation method, and now the mount is being designed; however, there are conversations about the potential to install the totem pole indoors based on recommendation from the artist. No install date currently.

9.1.2. Private Watson

Quotes are being secured for various options for the monument.

9.1.3. Rodman Sculpture Relocation

M. Salter updated the committee on the status of the Rodman sculpture relocation project. On July 27, 2022, five works were deinstalled, and July 28 HMMI remediated the landscaping on the former Rodman Hall property. Plan presently underway for coordinating reinstallation.

ACTION: C. Anderson shared that revised timelines for reinstallation would be brought forward to the October meeting.

9.1.4. Tow Horse

Councillor Garcia shared that the volunteers were very concerned with the site the City had picked that because of its proximity to the parking lot, there is potential for the horse to be damaged.

L. Mambella updated that staff meet on site with various stakeholders: artist, Kiwanis, Port Dalhousie Conservancy, Port Dalhousie Beautification Works volunteers and because of those discussion have paused the installation to do due diligence in exploring alternate sites and are awaiting to hear back from the Region.

9.1.5. WCFWM (Mark Roe)

No update as M. Roe was not present at meeting.

Motion to accept report: J. Duntsch

Carried

9.2. Committee Work Plan

9.2.1. Wrapping electrical boxes (grant)

M. Salter finalized a submission to Alectra Cares program for financial support for one electrical box in the amount of \$5,000.

ACTION: Staff to share timelines for receiving award notification if successful.

Motion to accept report: J. Bridge

Carried

9.3. Public Art Programming

9.3.1. Juried Exhibition

M. Salter updated that moved through the open call process, 81 submissions, approximately five of the 81 submissions required additional support from staff. This supported Public Art Advisory Committee's (PAAC) aim to make the exhibition process more accessible. Opening reception September 23 from 4 – 6 p.m.

9.3.2. Richard Pierpoint Park Project

M. Salter shared an update on the art installation in partnership with Rodman Art Institute of Niagara at Richard Pierpoint Park. Unfortunately, there has been some vandalism to the artwork and staff are working with Rodman and artists in order to fix the exhibition, to be followed by an opening / event.

9.3.3. Art walk

C. Anderson updated committee on meeting with GIS team to discuss potential of interactive art mapping through their software.

J. Bridge suggested considering 'Ingress,' a popular game in the community, to see if there's a way to integrate the two.

Motion to accept update: J. Bridge

Carried

Report from the Cultural Services Office

C. Anderson took the opportunity to thank M. Salter for her work in the culture office, which is concluding on September 16, 2022. Noted her support on the totem pole restoration project, leadership to summer student, and Rodman Hall sculpture relocation project.

9.3.4. Community Benefits Charge Strategy and By-law

C. Anderson provided an update that the suggestions provided by the committee for the opportunities for the by-law were received. By-law went into effect on September 1, 2022.

9.3.5. Taskforce updates: Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force; Neil Peart

Councillor Garcia asked for an update on the Neil Peart project.

ACTION: L. Mambella to inquire and will provide a report back to the committee at the next meeting.

9.3.6. Culture Plan

C. Anderson shared working on SOW for Culture Plan update, and meeting with subcommittee on September 9, 2022, to receive feedback. Goal to issue Request For Proposal (RFP) by end of month, and award contract by year-end.

9.3.7. Terms of Reference

No update defer to future meeting.

9.4.5 66 James Street

C. Anderson shared development at 66 James Street will be incorporating a large mural on private property, and staff are supporting with a draft call to artists, which the developer will be facilitating.

Motion to accept report: J. Bridge

Carried

9.4. Roundtable Updates

S. Remus (Niagara Artists Centre): Finished Might Niagara Film Festival, Odario Williams performed with members of Grand Analog, Andil Gosine and several collaborators opening Nature's Wild (Duets) before its touring to New York, Rotterdam, etc.

J. Bridge (Rodman): Consultation underway with support from Lord Culture Resources. September 13, 15, 17, 2022 public consultation occurring in-person and via Zoom to discuss future of Rodman Art Institute. Anticipate report on community ambitions, sentiments for November. Funded in part by City.

J. Bridge commended support and work of L. Mambella.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5 p.m. via Zoom

11. Motion to adjourn

That the Public Art Advisory Committee by adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Moved by: A. Adewumi

Carried

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