

# **Public Art Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday April 18, 2013  
4:00pm – 5:30pm  
Anteroom, 3rd Floor, City Hall

**Present:** Lesley Bell (Co-Chair), Marcie Bronson, Sandra Merk, Peter Vietgen, Michael Zuberec  
**Regrets:** Councillor Mark Elliott, Stephen Remus (Co-Chair), Scott Ritchie  
**Staff:** Rebecca Cann, Jennifer Tupling

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

L. Bell welcomed the committee to the April meeting.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda for Thursday April 18, 2013.

**Moved:** S. Merk                      **Seconded:** M. Bronson      **Approved.**

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the meeting minutes from Thursday March 21, 2013.

**Moved:** M. Zuberec                      **Seconded:** S. Merk                      **Approved.**

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### **a. Centennial Gardens**

R. Cann reported that she has put in a request to have the poster space at Centennial Gardens cleaned up, staff will power wash the space. The condition of the wall will be assessed for the 2013 exhibit.

#### **b. Culture Plan**

R. Cann explained that the plan is still in the review process and she will share the priorities and initiatives with the committee.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **a. Pam Am Toronto 2015 Mural**

The committee reviewed the memo regarding the Pan Am Mural project and supported it's content.

#### **b. St. Catharines Zoning Open Houses**

Staff shared a letter with the committee regarding upcoming Zoning By-Law open houses throughout the city. Committee members were encouraged to attend to learn more about the new draft and to offer feedback.

## 6. Community Public Art Initiatives

Nothing at this time.

## 7. Public Art Initiatives

### a. City Hall Exhibits

J. Tupling reported that the juried exhibit is now installed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall and the reception will take place the following week. R. Cann reported that the exhibit outside the Mayor's office should be going up after renovations to the area are complete. She also announced that Arnold McBay's **Storm** is now hanging in the Committee Room. An information label accompanies the work but she wonders if it requires some editing so that is more accessible for a larger community. This is something to consider with future installations as well. R. Cann asked if anyone would be interested in assisting with the text. M. Bronson volunteered to assist.

**Action:** Staff will send original text and image of work to M. Bronson.

### b. Downtown Performing Arts Centre Public Art

The committee looked over the drawings and renderings for the Spectator Facility and the Downtown Performing Arts Centre, considering possible locations for public art. They reflected on the projects individually and the possibility of one project for the greater area. The committee saw an opportunity for a significant project by combining the budgets. R. Cann said she will inquire about the feasibility of this and possible restrictions by the Ministry of Transportation. They expressed an aspiration to ensure the project offers an experience for pedestrians. The committee was asked to reflect on the project and its needs. It was suggested that a visit to the site might be beneficial.

### c. Spectator Facility Public Art

See above.

### d. 1812 Public Art - Richard Pierpoint

L. Bell reported that she and R. Cann attended the most recent meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History. They informed the committee about the 1812 project and said they will keep them updated. They were interested in the project and appreciated the presentation. R. Cann explained that it was also suggested that they attend the next Central Ontario Network for Black History meeting; she will let the committee know when this is scheduled. The Public Art Advisory Committee was asked to remember that Pierpoint was not only a soldier but also a black man that settled in St. Catharines and made this his home, helping to start a black community in Niagara. He represents the early lives of black settlers in St. Catharines.

**e. Centennial Gardens Exhibit – 2013 Theme**

R. Cann explained that staff will begin working on this exhibit in the coming weeks.

**8. St. Catharines Arts Awards Development**

R. Cann reported that she is continuing work on the task force this week and will keep the committee informed as it is finalized.

**9. Art Collection**

**a. Johansson's Bar**

Members shared with the group some of the information they found on how the bar may have been used in the construction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> canal and the connection to its current location. There was also discussion regarding the contribution to the building of Brock's Monument in Queenston Heights. R. Cann reported that a request has been submitted to the museum for any information that they may have, she will share their findings with the committee. The group then discussed drafting a memo to the Green Committee in the short term to inquire about ideas.

**Action:** R. Cann will draft a memo for Committee review.

**b. Collection Updates**

**St. Catharines Cenotaph**

R. Cann reported that the next phase of the project will begin in the spring/early summer. A public information session is anticipated.

**Day of Mourning: Tribute to Workers Monument**

R. Cann reported that the military community is not in support of having the Tribute to Workers permanently located in Memorial Park. She will be talking to the Niagara Regional Labour Council about other locations and a report will be going to Council in the coming months.

**Other**

Nothing at this time.

**c. Twinning Artwork – Deferred**

**10. Development of Public Art Procurement Process - Deferred**

**11. Review the Public Art Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

The committee reviewed the draft that was distributed to them. They discussed the committee make-up and development of working groups. The committee looked at their relation to the Culture Committee and whether this is still pertinent. The committee provided feedback and will review at next meeting.

**Action:** Committee members will review the draft Terms of Reference and make recommendations for changes and/or approval at the May meeting.

## **12. Reports**

### **a. Culture Committee**

No report, April meeting was cancelled.

### **b. Joint Mural Task Force**

No report.

### **c. Cultural Services**

R. Cann reported the following:

- the City has received a matching incentive grant of \$55,000 and sponsorship training for 2013-2014 through artsVest, a Business for the Arts program. A workshop and launch event will occur in June.
- the deadline for Arts Awards nominations closed on April 15 with 21 nominations received.
- carousel animals that were restored during the winter season have been re-installed on the carousel. The carousel is now ready for opening day on May 18. With one slight exception the animals are now all in their permanent locations based on the mapping completed a couple years ago.
- Emma German will be returning this summer as Curatorial Assistant, she will start attending these meetings in May.
- The number of events on the cNiagara website continue to grow as does visitation to the site. cNiagara recently released its first cNews, an email newsletter.

### **d. Hospital Arts Committee**

No report.

## **13. Other Business**

Nothing at this time.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting of Thursday April 18, 2013.

**Moved:** P. Vietgen

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:34 pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday May 16, 2013 – 4:00pm

### **Upcoming Events**

- Beyond the Wall - Opening Reception – Thursday April 25, 2013 at 4PM, City Hall
- Naoko Matsubara's Artist Talk - Saturday May 4, 2013 at 3PM, Rodman Hall
- Pan Am Mural Experience/Carousel Opening Day - Saturday May 18, 2013, Lakeside Park Carousel