

Public Art Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 26, 2014

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor St. Catharines City Hall

Present: Lesley Bell (Chair), Marcie Bronson, Councillor Mark Elliott, Sandra Merk, Peter Vietgen, Michael Zuberec

Guest: Barbara Black

Staff: Rebecca Cann, Emma German, Scott Ritchie, Jennifer Tupling

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda for Thursday June 26, 2014.

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from Thursday May 15, 2014.

Moved: P. Vietgen **Seconded:** M. Elliott **Approved.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Question about staff connecting with Brock University regarding 50th anniversary events to include the planned exhibit opening at City Hall as part of the celebrations. Conversations are ongoing.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Community Public Art Initiatives

a. Chuck Smith Commemorative donation offer – presentation from Barbara Black

Barbara Black made a presentation to the committee sharing a memo from artist Brad Black and a video animation of the proposed concept. The committee asked questions about the proposed work and voiced their reservations. Options for next steps for the Blacks were suggested by staff.

Action: Staff will follow up as appropriate.

b. Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

Deferred.

c. Brock University art in lower level

Brock's Committee has an upcoming meeting.

6. Art Collection

a. Johansson's Bar

Staff reviewed the Robert Sears report regarding research completed and presented a sketch of how it may have been used. There is no confirmation that this was a tool or that it was used as described on the plaque currently in place. Discussion took place on the possible future of the artifact and whether it should remain in the Civic Art Collection. If not, what is its future? A decision was deferred until the next meeting.

Action: A presentation will be made to the Green and Heritage Committees outlining research completed and seeking feedback. A report for information purposes to City Council was recommended.

b. Acquisition Options

i. Photo of the Back of St. Paul St. by Sandy Fairbairn

Staff shared scoring results from the committee's completion of the rating system.

Motion: That the City acquire Sandy Fairbairn's photo "Back of St. Paul Street" for the Civic Art Collection.

Moved: M. Bronson **Seconded:** P. Vietgen **Approved.**

7. Public Art Initiatives

a. Kernel Memory renewal

Staff shared options for the Kernel Memory exhibit and the James Street lawn at City Hall space.

Motion: That Kernel Memory by artist Laura Moore be renewed for display on the James Street lawn of City Hall for another 2 years. The committee requests that staff move forward with the contract process.

Moved: P. Vietgen **Seconded:** M. Bronson **Approved.**

b. Meridian Centre public art project

Deferred.

c. Performing Arts Centre public art

Deferred.

d. Centennial Gardens – Artist in Residence concept

The committee will be contacted for their feedback via email.

Action: Committee will complete task from last meeting and staff will follow-up via email before the next meeting.

e. Future City Hall exhibits

One more exhibit is planned in the 2nd floor exhibit space, what will occur after this will be discussed at a future meeting.

8. Revisions to Public Art Procurement Process

Deferred

9. Reports

a. Culture Committee

Deferred.

b. Arts Awards Design Task Force

Deferred.

c. Joint Mural Task Force

Deferred.

d. Cultural Services

Deferred.

10. Other Business

None

Motion: To adjourn the meeting of Thursday June 26, 2014.

Moved: M. Zuberec

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:33 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 22, 2014 at 3:30pm in Committee Room 1, City Hall
(St. Catharines Performing Arts Centre and Meridian Centre Public Art)