

Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Ante Room, City Hall at 4:30 PM

Attendance:

Lesley Bell, Marcie Bronson, Councillor Mark Elliott, Sandra Merk, Peter Vietgen, Michael Zuberec

Absent:

Scott Ritchie

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Jennifer Tupling

1. **Call meeting to order (L. Bell)**
Meeting began at 4:03PM
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
Another possible donation and Johannson's Bar were added to item 9.
3. **Motion to approve the agenda**
Moved: P. Vietgen Seconded: M. Zuberec Carried.
4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting**
Moved: M. Zuberec Seconded: P. Vietgen Carried.
5. **Business arising from the minutes**
R. Cann updated the group on her last conversation with Victoria Piersig. She had explained to her that there was currently no program nor funds to assist an artist in exhibiting in St. Catharines. She shared the committee's support and best wishes in her pursuits.
6. **Correspondence**
No correspondence.
7. **Community Public Art Initiatives**

7.1 Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

Staff reported that the design submission deadline is next week. Interviews with the design teams are currently being scheduled and questions for their presentations will be developed prior to the interviews. All the design teams will be making their presentations in person. It is expected that the final selection panel results will be presented at the next committee meeting.

7.2 Brock University art in lower level

Nothing new to report. L. Bell reported that **The Path of Possibilities** has now been moved within Brock University campus. This item is no longer required as part of the regular agenda and can be removed.

8. City Public Art Initiatives

8.1 Meridian Centre Public Art Project

Staff reported that all but one property owner has been contacted to discuss the project. A complete sitemap is still required for the call to artists. The group reviewed the current list of members for the selection panel. Staff noted that there is still an opportunity for a committee member to be on the panel.

8.2 Performing Arts Centre Public Art Project

Staff reported that Steve Solski has not yet provided feedback on the shortlisted sites, they are following up, and most likely feedback will come in the New Year. The group also reviewed the members of the selection panel for this project. They discussed the influence that current and future construction, related to the proposed sites, could have on timelines and installation.

8.3 Artist in Residence Program

An application for project funding through the Niagara Investment in Culture program has been submitted. The results of the application are connected to the Region's budget approval process which should be addressed in early 2015.

9. Civic Art Collection

9.1 Johansson's Bar

The group reviewed material from the last meeting and made a final motion related to this item.

Motion:

Johansson's Bar is to be de-accessioned from the Civic Art Collection as outlined in the Public Art Policy.

Moved: S. Merk

Seconded: M. Elliott

Carried.

9.2 Potential Donation of artwork by Ilan Averbuch

R. Cann shared images of the work in question. She discussed how the proposal of donation came to the City. The committee discussed the connection of the artist and work to St. Catharines, the financial implications of future maintenance, and the relationship to the Civic Art Collection. The committee wondered whether he was expecting a cultural property tax receipt. M. Bronson described the difference between this and a regular tax receipt. The City of St. Catharines is not in the position to provide the former. R. Cann will follow-up with the donor and report back to the committee.

9.3 Potential Donation of artwork by Don Alexander

R. Cann shared another possible donation of a photograph by Don Alexander, inquiring if it would suit the Civic Art Collection before beginning the donation process. The committee did not feel that it met the guidelines of the collection: staff will thank the donor for their consideration and share other suggestions from the committee.

10. Other Business

None

11. Date of next meeting

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12. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: S. Merk Carried: M. Zuberec

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:37 pm