

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, August 04, 2015

Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall at 6pm – 7:30pm

Members in Attendance

Lindsay Jack Brauweiler, Monica Dufault, Jennifer Hay (ex-officio), Councillor Joe Kushner, Sandra Merk, Sandy Middleton, Wynne Nicholson, Mariannie Ompoc, Jennifer Wallace (chair), Andrea Wilson (vice-chair)

Absent

Jeff Burch, Councillor Carlos Garcia, Vickie Fagan, Councillor Bruce Williamson, Peter Wing.

Staff Liaison

Rebecca Cann, Jennifer Tupling

Guests

Colin Bruce Anthes, Twitches and Itches Theatre; Janis Barlow, Janis Barlow and Associates; Annie Wilson, Suitcase in Point Theatre

- 1. Call meeting to order – Chair**
6:02
- 2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
No additions or deletions.
- 3. Motion to approve the agenda for August 4, 2015**
Moved: S. Merk Carried.
- 4. Motion to adopt the minutes of July 7, 2015**
Moved: A. Wilson Carried.
- 5. Business arising from the minutes**
None.

6. Guest Presentation

Colin Bruce Anthes of Twitches and Itches Theatre, Janis Barlow of Janis Barlow and Associates and, Annie Wilson of Suitcase in Point Theatre made a presentation to the Committee regarding current assumptions being made about the arts community and its value as a significant contributor to a sustainable future. They addressed concerns about usage of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, the need for more municipal investment, and requested that the Committee gather specific factual information and share it with City Council on behalf of the arts community.

Motion: to receive the presentation by Colin Bruce Anthes of Twitches and Itches Theatre; Janis Barlow of Janis Barlow and Associates, and Annie Wilson of Suitcase in Point.

Moved: S. Merk

Carried.

7. Business

7.1. The Old Lincoln County Courthouse

R. Cann summarized the creation and content of the report titled 'Closing the Sullivan Mahoney Courthouse Theatre: An Impact Analysis - September 2008', which is provided to the Committee for insight into the potential loss of the Courthouse Theatre that was gathered via community consultation.

Motion: to have Chair J. Wallace contact the Heritage Committee with a request to present at their August meeting in regard to the future of the Old Lincoln County Courthouse.

Moved: M. Dufault

Carried.

Motion: that staff keep the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee informed on the date the Old Lincoln County Courthouse report will be going forward to City Council; and that an ad hoc task force be formed to prepare feedback on the report to City Council.

Moved: S. Middleton

Carried.

Task Force volunteers are S. Middleton, L. Brauweiler, M. Dufault and A. Wilson.

7.2. Arts Awards Subcommittee Report

W. Nicholson reported that the Arts Awards Subcommittee held their first meeting where they confirmed the date for the 2016 Arts Awards has been selected – Saturday June 4, and the Cairns Recital Hall and Robertson Theatre are both booked. The goal is to have a \$15 general ticket price for

the award ceremony and a higher-priced ticket for a pre-ceremony gala with the aim of it becoming a fundraiser. They did not have an opportunity to discuss the concept of a lifetime achievement and/or arts champion award.

R. Cann will collate post-mortem feedback on the 2015 Arts Awards for report to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee at their September meeting. A request for the two spaces to be utilized for the 2016 Arts Awards in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre has been included in the Cultural Services 2016 budget.

Motion: that the committee support the recommendation to have 2 ticket prices for the 2016 Arts Awards for a pre-ceremony gala and show and party general admission and, that the subcommittee reports back on fundraising opportunities.

Moved: W. Nicholson Carried.

Motion: to accept the report from the Arts Awards Subcommittee.

Moved: L.J. Brauweiler Carried.

7.3. St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program Subcommittee Report

J. Wallace reported that Jeff Burch was appointed chair of the St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program Subcommittee. W. Nicholson reported on the 2015 SCCIP requests and the subcommittee's funding recommendations.

Motion: to support the 2015 SCCIP funding recommendations as presented, to be taken forward to City Council for approval.

Moved: W. Nicholson Carried.

Motion: to accept the report from the St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program Subcommittee.

Moved: M. Dufault Carried.

7.4. Culture Plan Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7.5. Culture Days

R. Cann reported that ten requests were submitted to the Culture Days Assistance Program. Jurors are required for the selection process, and the following members volunteered: J. Wallace, A. Wilson, S. Middleton.

Motion: to accept the Culture Days report.

Moved: A. Wilson Carried

7.6. ACAC Workplan Development

Deferred.

7.7. Report from Cultural Services Office

R. Cann reported on the following topics:

- Culture Ink release and sign-up
- 2016 budget request submitted
- The culture coordinator position will be filled soon
- 240 people attended the Driftwood performance of Hamlet in Market Square
- Public Art Advisory Committee discussed the future location for the Day of Mourning monument and respectfully declined three offers of artwork at their July meeting
- The Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial design unveiling and other announcements will take place on Thursday, August 6 at 10 a.m. at the future site of the memorial, north of Lock 3.

Motion: to accept the report from the Cultural Services Office.

Moved: S. Merk

Carried.

7.7 Other Business

No other business.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, September 01, 2015, Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall
6 – 7:30pm

9. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: A. Wilson

Carried.

Attachments provided in advance and at the meeting:

- Closing the Sullivan Mahoney Courthouse Theatre: An Impact Analysis - September 2008
- 2015 St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program funding recommendations.
- Repositioning Culture in St. Catharines, a powerpoint presentation from Colin Bruce Anthes, Janis Barlow and Annie Wilson, guest presenters.