

Minutes

Tuesday, February 02, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Lindsay Jack Brauweiler, Jeff Burch, Monica Dufault, Rosemary Hale, Jennifer Hay (ex-officio), Sandy Middleton, Wynne Nicholson, Jennifer Wallace, Andrea Wilson, Peter Wing, Coun. Joe Kushner

Regrets:

Coun. C. Garcia, Coun. B. Williamson

Guests:

City staff: Samir Husika (Downtown Development Officer), Dave Macklem (Property Manager), Brian York (Manager of Economic Development)

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Ashley Judd-Rifkin

1. Call meeting to order (J. Wallace)

The meeting began at 5:32 p.m.

2. Introductions

Roundtable introductions took place.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Report from the Cultural Sustainability Committee added as item 8.4.

Motion to accept agenda as amended: J. Burch

Carried

4. Motion to approve the Agenda for February 2, 2016

Moved: J. Burch

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the Minutes of January 5, 2016

Moved: L.J. Brauweiler

Carried

6. Business arising from the minutes

None

7. Correspondence

None

8. Business

8.1 Courthouse Task Force

8.1.1 Samir Husika presented an update on the City's Downtown Hotel Study. As the Downtown Development Officer, his workplan priorities are: Business retention; Downtown promotion marketing; and, Investment attraction.

The study looks at both downtown and Port Dalhousie and is currently going through revisions.

No specific properties are outlined in the study: it is an evaluation of the financial case for a hotel based on market demands and stakeholder input.

Brian York, S. Husika and Dave Macklem addressed questions about the City's plans for the Courthouse and a discussion around the Courthouse followed, including a discussion around potential end-use, whether the private sector would be interested in the building, what the City's plans to complete an End-use Study are, and potential ideas for future use.

The building has issues related to accessibility, plumbing, electrical and heating. The building is an important resource for the arts community and ACAC members noted the value of including this sector in future planning.

There was a suggestion of undertaking a 2-3 page survey of the arts community to be more aggressive and proactive in stance.

ACTION: Staff will schedule a Courthouse Task Force meeting at some point over the next 2 months. All ACAC members will be invited to participate and afterwards the Task Force can report back to ACAC re: future progress, a potential survey of the arts community and next steps.

Motion to accept presentation: M. Dufault

Carried

The Chair thanked S. Husika, D. Macklem and B. York for attending. All three left the meeting.

8.2 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report – W. Nicholson

There has been no meeting since the last ACAC meeting, but ACAC needs to determine whether a Lifetime Achievement Award will be handed out in 2016. All nominations should be directed to W. Nicholson before the end of February.

Motion: That there be a lifetime achievement award for the 2016 Arts Awards

Made by: A. Wilson

Carried

Motion to approve the report: A. Wilson

Carried

8.3 SCCIP Subcommittee Report – J. Burch

8.3.1 Presentation of draft SCCIP Policy

R. Cann reviewed the revised draft SCCIP policy. She noted the issues the SCCIP subcommittee needs to review.

Motion to accept report: R. Hale

Carried

Discussion took place about the pending Festival & Events Grant Program deadline and subsequent application review process.

Motion to include J. Wallace and P. Wing on the Festival & Events Program Jury.

Made by: L.J. Brauweiler

Carried

8.4 Cultural Sustainability Committee – J. Wallace

- Public art was installed in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in the fall
- Heritage Sustainability Committee was talking about the Lakeside Park Pavillion
- New appointment for ACAC has been approved – the new member will be here in March

Motion to approve report: M. Dufault

Carried

8.5 Report from Cultural Services Office – R. Cann

- Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial designer is in Niagara on Monday, February 8 for open houses in Port Colborne and St. Catharines.
- The Cultural Services Office is busy

Motion to accept report: A. Wilson

Carried

8.6 Other Business

8.6.1 Vickie Fagan's Resignation / Search for new committee member
V. Fagan has resigned from ACAC. The process includes the City Clerk's Office posting the opportunity and the Cultural Sustainability Committee approving a recommendation to fill the vacancy.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: P. Wing

Carried

Attachments/Links:

1. Draft SCCIP Policy Revision and Appendices