

Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Ante Room, 3rd floor, City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Monica Dufault, Rosemary Hale, Suzanne Melville, Sandy Middleton, Robert Speck, Jennifer Wallace, Peter Wing, Coun. Carlos Garcia, Coun. Joe Kushner

Absent: Jeff Burch, Peter Dillman

Regrets: Justus Duntsch, Jennifer Hay, Wynne Nicholson, Coun. Bruce Williamson

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Ashley Judd-Rifkin

1. Call meeting to order (J. Wallace)

5:05 p.m.

2. Presentation:

Update from the Rodman Hall Alliance – Sandy Middleton

Coun. Kushner declared a conflict. S. Middleton provided background on the Rodman Hall Alliance (RHA) and distributed a document with the RHA mission. Recently, the RHA:

- organized a presentation in early December of the Barlow Report (written in 2015 by consultant Janis Barlow) which provided various options for Rodman Hall based on best practices and industry research. The report relates specific options for its 4 components – art museum, historic site, public gardens and learning centre, and considers fee-for-service contracts with Brock and the City.
- created a website for people to learn more about Rodman Hall's situation.
www.rodmanhallalliance.ca

Sandy noted that the most recent consultant Brock hired is no longer working on the project. Brock has requested former Board trustee Tom Goldspink to spearhead some outreach and bring together the various stakeholders that have emerged recently, including Art Gallery Niagara (AGN) and RHA. A discussion followed, including a question whether the idea of a new gallery in downtown is still under

consideration. Sandy noted that the RHA is committed to all components of Rodman Hall, and is not against a new gallery, but thinks Rodman Hall should not be eliminated in favour of something new.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

4. Motion to approve the Agenda for January 10, 2016

Moved: M. Dufault

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the Minutes of December 6, 2016

Moved: S. Middleton

Carried

6. Business arising from the minutes

None

7. Correspondence

None

8. Business

8.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report

The Subcommittee has not met since November 28, but staff updates on preparations for the Awards included:

- Three confirmed award sponsors:
 - St. Catharines Downtown Association – Making a Difference Award
 - The Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts – Emerging Artist Award (2)
 - Anonymous Donor – Jury’s Pick Award
- “Nominate NOW!” bookmarks and small posters have been printed and are being distributed. Nomination deadline is Feb.5.
- Marketing subcommittee will meet on Jan.11 to discuss marketing and advertising plan.
- Niagara College co-op student is set to start next week.
- Ticket prices have gone up slightly since last year and are now:
 - \$13 in advance, \$18 day-of, plus applicable taxes and fees. The prices include the PAC’s CCIF charge, which is \$2.48 per ticket

8.1.1 Approval of Jury’s Pick Award Description

There was some discussion around description and the need to make it simpler.

ACTION: M. Dufault will take it back to the AA subcommittee for discussion at the next meeting on Jan.16.

Motion to accept report: R. Hale

Carried

8.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report

The SCCIP Subcommittee met Jan. 9 and talked about the SCCIP Policy, and were supportive of creating a special clause to make Rodman Hall eligible for SCCIP funding.

Coun. Kushner declared conflict.

R. Hale declared conflict.

Motion: to direct staff to draft language for the SCCIP Policy with an eligibility exception for Rodman Hall for the next meeting.

Made by: P. Wing

Carried

The subcommittee discussed the pre-qualification process. Currently, the SCCIP policy only allows for Arts Development Program applications to be pre-qualified outside of deadline dates. The committee agreed that both Arts Development and Culture Builds Community pre-qualified SCCIP applications should be accepted outside of deadline dates, as per the existing policy framework.

Some discussion followed with staff providing clarification to ACAC on the pre-qualification process.

Motion: to direct staff to draft an amendment to the SCCIP policy so that new applicants can apply to either the Arts Development Program OR the Culture Builds Community Program as part of the pre-qualification process already within the policy.

Made by: P. Wing

Carried

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

8.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report

The Subcommittee met on December 12. It was a productive meeting and the subcommittee began creating a plan for the coming year in terms of Culture Plan implementation and what areas to focus on.

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

8.4 Report from Cultural Services Office – R. Cann

- Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial
 - Contract for Phase 2 finalized
 - City staff are reviewing shop drawings
 - Landscape architects are preparing construction drawings for tender
 - Staff will be applying to the Region and the Department of Canadian Heritage for additional funds

- SCCIP report will go to Council Jan. 30. The final round of recommendations for funding from 2016 will include the Arts Development Program, the Culture Builds Community Program and Festivals 2017.
- The new Acting Manager of Programs and Cultural Services is Lori Mambella. She was previously working in recreation programming with the City.
- Website tidy-up is underway.
- Wrapping up 2016 in terms of stats for Culture Days and SCCIP is underway plus admin turnover.
- Ramping up Arts Awards has begun.
- Canada 150 project involvement includes: Centennial Gardens, Lakeside Park and Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

Some discussion around Canada 150.

- PAC is planning special activities
- Museum is taking the lead on Doors Open – June 24

Motion to accept report: R. Speck

Carried

8.5 Other Business

R. Hale suggested that ACAC send a congratulatory letter to Norm Foster on his appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada. (St. Catharines' new Foster Festival, a SCCIP recipient, presents Mr. Foster's work exclusively).

ACTION: R. Hale will draft the letter and submit to the Chair.

A reminder that the next Arts Community Potluck is on January 24 at Silver Spire United Church -- all are invited.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: S. Middleton

Carried

Attachments/Links:

1. Rodman Hall Alliance mission/vision document (provided by S. Middleton)
2. 2017 Arts Awards "Nominate NOW" bookmarks.