

Minutes

Tuesday, March 07, 2017

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

Present:

Rhiannon Barry, Peter Dillman, Monica Dufault, Justus Duntsch, Rosemary Hale, Jennifer Hay, Wynne Nicholson, Robert Speck, Jennifer Wallace, Coun. Carlos Garcia, Coun. Joe Kushner

Regrets: Suzanne Melville, Sandy Middleton, Coun. Bruce Williamson

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Ashley Judd-Rifkin

1. Call meeting to order (J. Wallace)

5:04 p.m.

2. Introductions

J. Wallace introduced R. Barry as the new representative of the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre on the Committee.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

4. Motion to approve the Agenda for March 07, 2017

Moved: M. Dufault

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the amended Minutes of February 07, 2017

Amendment: Previous minutes should read "January 10, 2017"

Amendment: Detailed text of SCCIP policy changes are added to minutes that were initially distributed to ACAC.

Moved: R. Hale

Carried

6. Business arising from the minutes

- Recognition of First Nations' traditional territories – R. Cann gave background on the idea.

Best practice is that actual Nations are named in this form of recognition and, in Niagara, that is usually the Haudenosaunee and the Anishnaabe. However, the Aboriginal Educational Council at Brock University is currently evaluating related protocols and will be making preferred recommendations in the near future. Recognition will be deferred until there is further guidance from the appropriate organizations.

7. Correspondence

- Email from Duncan Hopkins re: Tribute to Ken Wheeler
R. Cann provided some background on Ken Wheeler and noted this is not the first request for posthumous recognition of an artist. Perhaps time to consider a “wall of fame” -type memorial for St. Catharines-born and/or raised people who were significant contributors to the Arts. Assumption is the “In Memoriam” section of the Arts Awards is not sufficient.

Some discussion around what recognition might look like, including during the Mayor’s Arts Fund reception. J. Wallace noted that 2017 is the 10th anniversary of Ken Wheeler receiving the Order of Canada

Motion: to instruct the Arts Awards Subcommittee to look into posthumous recognition of significant artists; and, to direct staff to contact the St. Catharines Downtown Association to confirm Ken Wheeler and Richard Wright are on their list for downtown banners.

Moved by: M. Dufault

Carried

8. Business

8.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report

W. Nicholson provided an update on the Arts Awards. There are 21 nominees in 5 categories: Arts in Education – 3; Emerging Artist – 6; Established Artist – 4; Making a Difference – 7; Patron of the Arts – 2

As well, four award sponsors have confirmed support for the 2017 event.

8.1.1 Discussion of Lifetime Achievement Award

Last year, an Event sponsor benefit was alignment with the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Mayor’s office has asked if the Committee would consider handing out this award again. Some discussion followed around possibilities and/or creative solutions for sponsors.

Motion: to refer discussion to the Arts Awards Subcommittee for further exploration.

Made by: R. Hale

Carried

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

8.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report

J. Wallace reported that the SCCIP Subcommittee recently met to discuss changes to the SCCIP evaluation criteria. Evaluation criteria can be revised annually, as required, to ensure consistent Review Committee evaluation and alignment with the new SCCIP policy.

8.2.1 Approval of Revised SCCIP Evaluation Criteria

This is the last time to make revisions/changes to criteria for 2017 application intake. Criteria can be further revised next year for 2018 applications if and as required.

Motion: to approve the revised SCCIP Evaluation Criteria.

Made By: R. Speck

Carried

SCCIP Budget is confirmed at \$332,500. This is an increase from 2016 and, since there are not two rounds of festival funding this year, it is functionally an increase of approximately \$40,000.

Motion to accept report: W. Nicholson

Carried

8.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report

R. Speck reported that the Subcommittee met to review notes from their December planning session. Three main areas of focus identified were:

- Sector Growth/Stabilization;
- Facilities (Arts & Heritage); and
- Arts Umbrella (potential for an Arts Council).

Members evaluated priority areas as follows:

- Arts Umbrella, Municipal Research (most exciting)
- Arts Umbrella, Advocating for the Courthouse, the Robby and Rodman Hall (Foundational)
- Connecting with various partners (easiest)

Target date for finalizing the Culture Plan Subcommittee's annual plan for 2017 is end-of-March. By next ACAC meeting there will be a plan to view.

Some discussion took place about desired advocacy related to built heritage, including a possible presentation from the City of Peterborough, a local cultural geographer and the recommendation of the Cultural Funding Task Force to re-instate the City's heritage property incentives grant program.

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

8.4 Cultural Sustainability Committee Report – No Report

The committee did not meet in February.

8.5 Report from Cultural Services Office – R. Cann

8.5.1 City Logo Protocols

R. Cann provided an update on the City Logo guidelines for SCCIP clients. Roll out of the new guide is planned for this week.

- Council approved a property tax relief program for ethnocultural groups that own property in St. Catharines. A grant will give them 40% tax relief until the Region approves a reduction to taxes. SCCIP committee will not be involved and the pot of money is separate, i.e. not attached to SCCIP.
- Another new program is the fee-waiving assistance program for renting parks, facilities, closing streets, etc. Program has a limited budget and intent is to roll it out to groups that have requested fee waivers in the past. Not open to organizations that receive funding from the City in other areas (i.e. SCCIP). Will serve certain groups very well. SCCIP not directly involved (again) but Cultural Services staff have supported program setup.
- Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial – staff are currently reviewing draft tender documents. Hoping to release tender by end-of-March. DCH supplemental grant has been drafted but not finalized. R. Cann will be re-submitting the Waterfront Investment grant.
- Riverbrink has asked for four works of art from the City's collection for their fall exhibit.
- SCCIP cheques are out.
- Moving forward on Totem Pole public consultation. Looking to get an expert from Alert Bay, BC.
- Carlisle St, Public Art (CSPA) – budget of \$75 – 80 K for Carlisle St. side of PAC. Goal to release EOI by end of March.
- New display of City Councillors at City Hall.
- Zimbel exhibit at PAC coming down this week.
- Venture Niagara project moving ahead well!
- Photo shoot for Arts Awards on Monday; staff met with Essential Collective Theatre as potential production sponsor of Awards.
- Spirit of St. Catharines – PAAC has approved, will go to legal, then to City Council for potential acquisition.

There was a question re: City's Art Collection and staff responded with a brief description of its contents including war memorials, fine art and plaques. Public Art Policy was approved in 2003 to provide governance over management of the art collection. Since 2009 Cultural Services has been purchasing art from juried exhibits to grow the collection as the Public Art Advisory Committee has a small budget to acquire art every year.

Motion: to request staff make a presentation about the art collection at the next ACAC mtg.

Made by: W. Nicholson

Carried

Motion to accept report: R. Speck

Carried

8.6 Other Business

Peter Wing has resigned from ACAC, so there will be a review of the most recent applications to consider a new member.

S. Middleton noted [in an email] that Coun. S. Sorento brought up a motion to sell the Courthouse – which was defeated.

Motion: to redirect discussion of the Courthouse to the Culture Plan Subcommittee.

Made By: R. Speck

Carried

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: M. Dufault

Carried

Attachments/Links:

1. Email from Duncan Hopkins re: Tribute to Kenneth Wheeler
2. Revised SCCIP Evaluation Criteria