

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, April 04, 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, Suzanne Melville, Wynne Nicholson, Robert Speck, Jennifer Wallace, Coun. Carlos Garcia, Coun. Bruce Williamson

Regrets: Sandy Middleton, Coun. Joe Kushner

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Ashley Judd-Rifkin, Lori Mambella

1. Call meeting to order (J. Wallace)

5:02 p.m.

2. Introductions

Roundtable introductions took place.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

4. Motion to approve the Agenda for April 4, 2017

Moved: M. Dufault

Carried

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

Moved: R. Hale

Carried

6. Business arising from the minutes

Staff asked the St. Catharines Downtown Association who is on their banner list – Richard Wright is on the list, Ken Wheeler is not.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Business

8.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report

The subcommittee met on March 20 and plans for the event are coming along. The nominee photo shoot on March 13 went well. The subcommittee is still looking for an Established Artist Award Sponsor, and currently has an inquiry out. Monday June 5 is the day of the awards ceremony.

8.1.1 Discussion of Tribute to Ken Wheeler

The subcommittee discussed a potential posthumous tribute to Ken Wheeler at the March meeting and subsequently over email. The lifetime achievement award honours both legacy and presence in/contribution to local community. Ultimately, the subcommittee felt Ken Wheeler didn't fulfill the second condition and therefore it wouldn't be appropriate to recognize him with a lifetime achievement award at the Arts Awards ceremony. Perhaps Laura Secord Secondary School and/or the Niagara Jazz Festival could do a tribute concert to speak to legacy.

R. Cann noted that this is not the first time a significant figure in the arts has been suggested for posthumous recognition – it's the 3rd or 4th time she has had to broach issue. There was some discussion around how there could be more transparency for selecting St. Catharines artists with either lifetime or posthumous recognition, i.e. have a public nomination process before ACAC selects the recipient.

Is there another way for the City to recognize Ken Wheeler and other artists, such as an outdoor installation (like a walk of fame) or a portrait gallery at the PAC? The City recognizes significant people by naming parks and streets. The idea arose of organizing an ad-hoc meeting on the subject. Policy and criteria would need to be developed as well as a recommendation for recognition.

Motion to defer discussion to July ACAC meeting.

Made by: M. Dufault

Carried

W. Nicholson noted that there are opportunities for program ads in the Arts Awards event night program. If any committee members have businesses in mind, they can get information from staff on rates.

Motion to accept report: R. Speck

Carried

8.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report

No report – there was no meeting in March.

8.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report

The Culture Plan Subcommittee met twice in March to iron out details of their 2017 Implementation Plan.

8.3.1 Approval of 2017 Implementation Plan

R. Speck presented the draft 2017 Implementation Plan to ACAC.

Questions arose around the Courthouse and Rodman Hall's relationship to the City, and the difference in the choice of success indicator for Rodman Hall. Staff provided some clarification: the Courthouse is owned by the City, Rodman Hall is not. The document was created as a work plan / implementation plan for the committee and how they can serve as advocates.

Discussion followed and R. Speck agreed to take the plan back to the Culture Plan Subcommittee for revision and bring it back to the next ACAC meeting.

Another item that arose from the Subcommittee's planning sessions was how the current work of the Heritage Advisory Committee responds to two of the Culture Plan's priorities as well as the recommendations of the Cultural Funding Task Force.

Motion:

That the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee supports the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) in their current review of the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program; and

That the HAC review the report of the Cultural Funding Task Force of December 14, 2015, and take into consideration the changes to the program as outlined in Recommendation #7; and

That the HAC seek a total grant budget per year of at least \$25,000 to ensure the program is effective.

Made by: R. Speck

Carried

Motion:

That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee support the Heritage Advisory Committee in the prioritization and advancement of the designation of Rodman Hall, the building and the grounds, as a heritage property, above any others currently being considered, given the uncertain future ownership status of the property.

Made by: R. Speck

Carried

Representatives of the Niagara Arts Service Alliance (NASA) will present their research into the creation of an Arts Umbrella at the May 2 ACAC meeting.

Request for staff update on the Courthouse for the May 2 ACAC meeting. There could also be a motion in Council to set a date for the end-use study.

ACTION: Staff to send invite to Coun. Garcia to attend next Culture Plan Subcommittee meeting. Invite members of all subcommittees to next ACAC meeting for NASA presentation.

Uncommon Voices section at the end of the Implementation Plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to accept report: W. Nicholson

Carried

8.4 Cultural Sustainability Committee Report – *No Report*

The committee did not meet in March.

8.5 Report from Cultural Services Office – R. Cann

8.5.1 Presentation on the Civic Art Collection

R. Cann did a short presentation on the Civic Art Collection and answered questions.

- 2017 SCCIP materials were released last week for five of the six program streams as well as the cultural investment newsletter. SCCIP client meetings have begun.
- Council approved an update report last week for the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial. The tender release is delayed so the unveiling date is unconfirmed at this time, but still aiming for the fall; two grant applications were submitted last week for the project – one to the Dept. of Canadian Heritage and another to the Region's Waterfront Investment Program
- Canada 150 projects are in progress – getting closer to setting a public meeting date for the Totem Pole consultation. The Expression of Interest for the Carlisle St Public Art project is not yet released – it is with the City's purchasing department.
- Three exhibits are being installed in April – Kitsch 4 Canada at City Hall, 70 Years of the NSO, in the Partridge Hall upper lobby at the PAC, and the St. Catharines Museum's Pioneering Women in the Film House Gallery.
- Staff are meeting with Driftwood Theatre this month to review site options and to discuss partnership arrangements. Company's goal is to make Shakespeare free, however, City budget cannot support full cost of show.
- Staff are in the thick of Arts Awards prep – nominees will be announced soon, and marketing and production prep are underway. Staff are currently submitting recommendations for 2018 Arts Award ticket prices.
- Curatorial Assistant has been hired on a part-time basis till mid-fall.

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

8.6 Other Business

J. Wallace noted that an Indigenous Cultural Awareness Workshop took place at the PAC on March 26 and 29. It was a very informative presentation with lots of history around Indigenous populations in Niagara. The speaker was Gary Parker who was also involved in consultations for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Annie Wilson and Kate Leathers (NASA) will do a presentation on their Arts Umbrella research next meeting.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: M. Dufault

Carried

Attachments/Links:

1. 2017 Culture Plan Implementation – Culture Plan Subcommittee