

Minutes

Tuesday, May 02, 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,

Regrets: Sandy Middleton, Coun. Joe Kushner, Coun. Bruce Williamson

Presenters: Kate Leathers re: Niagara Arts Service Alliance research; Bradley Thachuk and B.J. Armstrong, Niagara Symphony Orchestra; Michelle Nicholls, Rodman Hall Art Centre; Jessica Carmichael, Carousel Players – re: Champions of the Arts Awards.

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Ashley Judd-Rifkin

1. Call meeting to order (J. Wallace)

5:03 p.m.

2. Introductions

Roundtable introductions took place. J. Wallace welcomed presenters and some Culture Plan Subcommittee members.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

4. Motion to approve the Agenda for May 2, 2017

Moved: W. Nicholson

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the Minutes of April 4, 2017

Moved: R. Hale

Carried

6. Presentations

6.1 Niagara Arts Service Alliance (NASA) Research

Kate Leathers provided background on the creation of NASA and its mandate. NASA focused on researching how an Arts Service Organization (ASO) could

best serve companies and organizations that produce art, rather than individual artists, as many organizations already support individual artists. NASA produced two main documents in 2013 and 2014:

- A Needs Assessment Report outlined 4 main needs of Niagara's Arts Community.
- An ASO Model Options Report which proposed a model that provided services only, not programming.

K. Leathers noted that a different environment exists now than in 2013 - organizations have changed, the Niagara Region now funds culture. Despite these differences, the proposed model is still recommended by her.

The Committee asked some questions which were answered by the presenter.

Motion to accept presentation: P. Dillman

Carried

6.2 Champion of the Arts Awards

Presenters Jessica Carmichael, Michelle Nichols, Bradley Thachuk and B.J. Armstrong shared information on a partnership between Carousel Players, the Niagara Symphony Orchestra (NSO) and Rodman Hall. Carousel's Nora Morgan Award has been handed out for 13 years, and they were getting nominations for music and visual arts teachers as well as theatre. The three organizations partnered to create three awards:

- Nora Morgan Memorial Award for Excellence in Theatre Arts Education
- Paul van Dongen Award for Excellence in Music Education
- Excellence in Visual Arts Education Award

Nominations open from now until June 12 for educators to nominate their colleagues, from anywhere in Niagara Region, with the goal to build a network of advocates. The school with the winning teacher will receive for free, a Carousel Players show, a drop-in visual arts workshop or tickets to the NSO.

The Committee asked some questions which were answered by the presenters.

Motion to accept presentation: R. Speck

Carried

7. Business arising from the minutes

R. Cann was asked for an update on the Courthouse and reported that senior staff are currently doing an asset inventory. She will report back once complete.

8. Correspondence

None

9. Business

9.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report

- Award ceremony is coming up on June 5 and tickets are now on sale.

- Performers are being confirmed.
- The Jury met on April 19 and award recipients have been chosen.
- Mayor's Reception will be in Algoma Lobby.
- Momentum Choir will perform at the reception.
- Meridian Credit Union is sponsoring the Established Artist award.

Motion to accept report: R. Hale

Carried

9.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report

R. Cann reported that the Committee met April 10 and discussed: how to manage Review Committees and timelines; funding pots per program; and a potential policy change.

9.2.1 Approval of SCCIP Review Committee/s Makeup

The Committee looked over the three Review Committee membership lists. The timing of Council meetings this summer means there will have to be three different Review Committee meetings. The Culture Days Activity Program (CDAP) Committee will meet the week of June 12, while the other two Review Committees will meet in late June or early July.

Motion: to accept Review Committee makeup as presented to the committee.

Made by: M. Dufault

Carried

Staff recently identified some ambiguity with regard to the requirements associated with the longevity of a first-time applicant looking to apply outside of deadlines. The recommendation from staff is to leave this question for a later date and address during the summer.

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

9.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report

The Subcommittee met on May 1 and revised the 2017 Implementation plan, especially in relation to the Rodman Hall advocacy success measures.

9.3.1 Approval of 2017 Implementation Plan

Motion: to approve the Culture Plan Subcommittee's 2017 Implementation Plan.

Made by: J. Duntsch

Carried

The Subcommittee is continuing with municipal research and other implementation plans. One member asked when Rodman Hall would be considered for heritage designation. Coun. Garcia estimated early fall.

Motion to accept report: R. Hale

Carried

9.4 Cultural Sustainability Committee Report

- Approved applicant to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee for Council's consideration
- The date of Doors Open will be June 24. Fifteen different sites will be open.
- Canada 150 Task Force produced activity books which are now available to the general public when the Task Force attends events.
- Some discussion of Council's approval of the Port Dalhousie Lock 1 plans, including a performance stage.

Motion to accept report: R. Speck

Carried

9.5 Report from Cultural Services Office

- Arts Awards in full throttle – first press release is out, some good media coverage, marketing materials are finalized, plans for show well underway. Mayor's fundraising already ahead of last year.
- SCCIP Information session last week; Culture Days Activity roundtable on May 6. R. Cann's report regarding Rodman Hall's eligibility for SCCIP is going to Council on Monday.
- Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial project has slowed – two staff visited the fabrication shop last week, waiting to hear back from Region about grant.
- Canada 150 projects – Expression of Interest for Artists released end of last week for Carlisle St. Public Art, Totem Pole project awaiting dates from consultant.
- Opened partnership exhibit last week in the Joy Williams Lobby at the PAC – 70 Years of the NSO; Kitsch 4 Canada installation underway at City Hall. Press release for both exhibits to come out next week.
- Culture Ink and Cultural Funding newsletters both released.
- Driftwood Theatre moving to Mann Raceway Plaza, behind the Performing Arts Centre – performing Othello on July 21st. Talking to the PAC about taking it over next year. Doing some community outreach for related project on Cyprus War.
- PAAC has approved a copyright policy for City's art collection, CSO moving forward & consulting with legal before taking to Council.
- Budget due 6 weeks earlier than usual, could impact Arts Awards and affect ceremony.
- R. Cann forwarded an open letter from Carousel Players regarding their recent production of "Boys, Girls and Other Mythological Creatures" – to ACAC.

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

9.6 Other Business

9.6.1 July meeting date

Due to timing of SCCIP reports to council, staff proposed moving ACAC dates from June 6 to June 20 and from July 4 to July 11.

ACTION: Staff to re-schedule meetings and send updated calendar notices.

Folk Arts would like to use the parking lot behind the Robby. It was formerly used by the police but is now owned by the City.

Motion: That the Committee supports Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre's request for ongoing access and use of the parking lot behind Robertson Hall to support their programs and events.

Made by: R. Hale

Carried

Many of the ACAC members want to recognize Carousel Players' recent advocacy work in the face of challenges they're facing.

10. Date of next meetings

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: J. Duntsch

Carried

Attachments/Links:

1. Questions for NASA presenters
2. SCCIP Review Committee Lists
3. 2017 Culture Plan Implementation-REVISED – Culture Plan Subcommittee