

Minutes

Tuesday, January 09, 2018

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

Present:

Rhiannon Barry, Monica Dufault, Justus Duntsch, Jennifer Hay, Suzanne Melville, Sandy Middleton, Robert Speck, Jennifer Wallace, Coun. Carlos Garcia, Coun. Joe Kushner, Coun. Bruce Williamson

Regrets: David DeRocco, Rosemary Hale, Wynne Nicholson

Staff Liaison:

Olivia Hope, Ashley Judd-Rifkin, Lori Mambella

1. Call meeting to order (J. Wallace)

5:05 p.m.

2. Introductions

Short roundtable introductions took place.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

4. Motion to approve the Agenda for January 9, 2018

Moved: S. Melville

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the Minutes of December 5, 2017

Moved: J. Duntsch

Carried

6. Business arising from the minutes

None

7. Correspondence

None

8. Business

8.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report

- Subcommittee had a meeting on Dec. 13, where they learned the Arts Awards were taken off the unaccommodated list.
- Awards are booked for Monday, June 4 in Cairns Recital Hall at the PAC.
- A draft budget was presented by staff, outlining total estimated cost as well as expected sponsorship revenue to be generated.
- Arts Awards Nominations now open! Forms for 5 categories are available online at www.stcatharines.ca/artsawards.
- Nomination marketing: bookmarks have been sent to City facilities and will be distributed downtown. Social media push is ongoing.
- M. Dufault noted that she will be reprising her role as the Director of the Arts Awards, while Carousel Players has agreed in principle to be the Production Sponsor for the event.

Motion to accept report: S. Middleton

Carried

8.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report

Report to Council has been completed by staff and is scheduled to go to Council on Jan. 29 for approval. Applicants will be notified after that meeting of the results of the Council meeting.

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

8.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report

- Subcommittee met on December 15.
- The 2017 Implementation plan was reviewed, and the final version – with the status of each goal – will be distributed to ACAC at the next meeting.
- Subcommittee participated in a 2018 implementation plan brainstorming session, focusing on 4 key areas, including:
 - SCCIP Advocacy;
 - Courthouse Advocacy
 - Individual Artist Grants
 - Cultural Diversity

The committee broke out into groups, addressing questions posed under each of the above-mentioned categories and noting ideas/further questions. Full session notes were completed, distributed to the committee and will form the bulk of the 2018 implementation plan.

One ACAC member questioned where Courthouse advocacy stands right now. Staff replied that an end-use and/or feasibility study is currently on hold. Further discussion followed around current uses of the Courthouse and informally proposed potential future uses.

Motion to accept report: M. Dufault

Carried

8.4 Cultural Sustainability Committee Report – No Report

8.5 Report from Cultural Services Office

- With R. Cann's retirement, the priority this past month was knowledge transfer and extracting info and corporate memory from her.
- Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial:
 - City Staff are currently working with memorial designer Dereck Revington Studio Inc. on a maintenance manual and maintenance plan for the site.
 - Deficiencies were found in the memorial – plan is for the contractor to address these when the weather warms up, likely in spring.
- Arts Awards Nominations now open – deadline for nominations is February 11.
- Contract for Amy Friend art commission for the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre moving ahead.
- Public Art Advisory Committee – R. Cann updated the committee at the December meeting on incomplete public art projects including:
 - William Hamilton Merritt – deterioration ongoing with recommendation that a professional conservator be hired to evaluate sculpture in spring.
 - Private Watson continues to deteriorate.
 - Blood Sport paintings on the Carousel need to be cleaned and restored, which has to occur in situ.
 - Landscape of Nations paper sculptures currently at the PAC have been proposed as donations to the City. Staff to complete further research.
 - Percent for Art Policy still in development.
- Bridging Our Future exhibit on the 3rd floor of City Hall is a series of community art canvases that were created during the Pow Wow on Oct 1 in Montebello Park. Exhibit closing reception will be this Thursday, January 11th at 4p.m. All are welcome to attend! Next exhibit is of historic photos of performing artists in St. Catharines – Taking the Stage.
- Call to Artists for the City of St. Catharines 14th Annual juried exhibit "Motion" will go out this Friday, January 12th. The exhibit will be on from September 17th, 2018 to March 15th, 2019 on the 3rd floor of City Hall.
- Peter Dillman has resigned from ACAC. A vacancy notice is scheduled to be published in this Thursday's St. Catharines Standard. The application form will be available on the City's website on Thursday.

ACTION: Staff to send Committee Application Form link to ACAC once it is live.

One ACAC member questioned whether there was any update on replacing the Cultural Services Supervisor position. L. Mambella reported that the vacancy review is still ongoing, but there was an HR meeting today that could potentially move things forward. L. Mambella expects to be able to provide an update at the next ACAC meeting.

Motion to accept report: S. Middleton

Carried

8.6 Other Business

- M. Dufault noted that the new Artistic Director of Essential Collective Theatre is Colin Bruce Anthes, while the new General Manager is Rebecca Walsh.
- One committee member noted that the retirement send-off for Rebecca Cann was great and thanked those involved for organizing the event.
- Some names were brought forward as potential nominees for St. Catharines Arts Awards. A short discussion followed around the Lifetime Achievement Award, including parameters for submission of nominations and frequency of it being awarded.
- Rodman Hall – designation is underway. It is hoped the staff report will go to Council on Jan. 29. Once designation is in place, demolition is not an option for the owner of the building/property.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Burgoyne Woods Room

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: J. Duntsch

Carried