

Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Burgoyne Woods Room at 6:00pm

Attendance:

Catherine Chin Yet, Emma German, Stephen Remus, Erica Thorpe, Peter Vietgen (Chair),

Absent:

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Councillor Joe Kushner, Michael Zuberec, Councillor Bruce Williamson, Scott Ritchie

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Olivia Hope

1. Call meeting to order

P. Vietgen brought the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

R. Cann proposed adding “revision to 2018 meeting schedule” under ‘Other Business’.

4. Motion to approve the agenda for December 13, 2017

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of November 22, 2017

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

7. Correspondence

8. Business

8.1. Community Proposals

(a) Canada 150 Mosaic Mural – Update

Staff informed the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre of the Committee's contribution of \$1,500 from the art acquisition budget for the Canada 150 Mosaic Mural. There is an opportunity for a Committee member to assist with the development of the Canada 150 Mosaic Mural. E. German proposed the Exhibit Subcommittee.

Action: Staff will add 'Canada 150 Mosaic Mural' to the Exhibit Subcommittee agenda.

(b) Port Dalhousie Lock 1

Staff reported that work has begun again to move the Towpath Horses project forward – no further news at this time.

Motion: to accept the Community Proposals Report.

Moved: E. German Carried.

8.2. Civic Art Collection

(a) Centennial Totem Pole

No Report.

(b) Potential Donations

(i) Artworks by Unknown Artist – Update

Staff determined the work is not of Miss Blanche Scott.

Action: Staff will renew research.

(ii) Landscape of Nations Paper Sculptures

The Landscape of Nations paper sculptures have been proposed as donations to the City of St. Catharines. R. Cann asked whether the Committee wanted to consider the acquisition..

Action: Staff will do research on the Landscape of Nations Paper Sculptures and create a Potential Acquisition Report for the Committee's review.

(c) Updates

(i) Incomplete Projects

1. Spirit of St. Catharines- R. Cann noted plan to move report forward to Council and proposed a 3.5% copyright fee given the value of the artwork.

Motion: that the Committee recommend a 3.5% copyright fee for Spirit of St. Catharines once approved for the Civic Art Collection.

Moved: S. Remus Carried.

2. William Hamilton Merritt – Staff noted the monument’s need for restoration. of the artwork is now closer to the road as a result of the Burgoyne Bridge construction. There is now a possibility the winter salt spray will negatively affect the bronze sculpture. R. Cann recommended that a professional conservator be hired to evaluate the sculpture in the spring.

3. Private Watson – Staff informed the Committee that the monument’s condition continues to deteriorate.

Action: Staff will present old and current condition assessment photographs of William Hamilton Merritt and Private Watson at the next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting.

4. Blood Sport Paintings- These works need to be cleaned and restored, work which will have to occur onsite.

(ii) Lakeside Park Carousel

Carousel horses have been selected for winter restoration and handed off to the Friends of the Carousel.

Motion: to accept the Civic Art Collection report.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

8.3 Policy Development

- a. Percent for Art Policy— S. Remus updated the Committee on the Draft Percent for Art Policy. S. Remus proposed adding a flow chart and a glossary be attached to the policy for additional clarity.

Action: S. Remus will develop a flow chart and glossary for the Draft Percent for Art Policy.

Motion: to approve the Policy Development Report.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

8.4 Exhibit Subcommittee Report

- a. Mandate Approval—The Committee reviewed the draft mandate.

Motion: to approve the Exhibit Subcommittee mandate.

Moved: E. German Carried.

- b. Update

E. German informed the Committee of a new member, Justus Duntsch.

The Subcommittee discussed:

- the use of monitors for New Media art in future exhibitions.

- a pilot project idea to sell art on the 2nd floor of the Joy Williams Lobby at The FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.
- the Call for Artists for the 2018 Juried exhibit: Motion.

Action: Subcommittee will look into the pros and cons of the pilot project and report back.

Motion: to approve the 2018 Juried Exhibit theme and description.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

Motion: to approve the Exhibit Subcommittee Report.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

8.5 Public Art Programming

(a) Exhibit Updates

Staff informed the Committee that the Bridging Our Future exhibit has been extended to January 12, 2018.

(b) Vestiges

R. Cann noted that insurance is the current challenge for this project. The original cost of 'Vestiges' has increased due to increase in hard costs the addition of 3 days for administration, installation fees and insurance. Staff noted there are additional project costs for an art preparator.

(c) Carlisle Street Public Art (C-SPA)

R. Cann informed the Committee that Diamond Schmitt Architects has been hired to produce technical drawings of the Carlisle St wall of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, to be used in the Request for Proposals (RFP). S. Remus noted a related article in The St. Catharines Standard.

Action: staff will find the newspaper article and send it to the Committee

(d) Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

R. Cann is working with the City's Finance Department on grant reports.

(e) Other

- (i) Geneva Street Triangle—Staff from the Transportation and Environmental Services dept is recommending a budget request of \$50,000 for public art as part of the triangle's construction budget. The goal is to match this with regional funds for the project. S. Remus proposed an ad-hoc working group for this project specifically.

Motion: that the Committee establish an ad-hoc group for the Geneva Street Triangle project.

Moved: S. Remus Carried.

Motion: to accept the Public Art Programming Report

Moved: S. Remus Carried

8.6 Report from Cultural Services Office

- SCCIP work has been a priority this past month with 10 applications evaluated through 2 Review Committee meetings – Arts & Culture Advisory have approved recommendations for funding which will go to City Council in January;
- Work is beginning on prep for Arts Awards 2018 – were on hold due to uncertainty around budget but currently they are included.
- Council is planning to approve the 2018 budget at meetings set for Dec 18 and 19 – earlier than ever before;
- St. Catharines was named #7 in all of Canada in our population category of 50,000 – 500,000 for Culture Days – a great success this year!
- Staff have collated cultural content for City Guide for the last time – handing this responsibility over to Tourism Department moving forward.
- Leisure Guide content for Spring Summer 2018 submitted.
- Last meeting for R. Cann – lots of wrap up underway. Please join us at a party on Dec 20th – 4:30pm at The Office; 6pm at NAC.

Motion: to accept the report from the Cultural Services Office

Moved: E. German Carried.

8.7 Other Business

a) Future of Rodman Hall Art Collection

Staff proposed this section be updated to 'Update from Rodman Hall' in addition to 'Update from Niagara Artists Centre (NAC)'. E. German informed the Committee that the Community Conversations are complete and there has been a generous amount of feedback. Rodman Hall is waiting on the final numbers.

b) Other

- (i) Revision to meeting schedule 2018—Staff recommend meeting be moved by a week in order to accommodate interim City staff.
- (ii) P. Vietgen gave thanks to R. Cann for all that she has done. P. Vietgen noted that the Committee and Public Art in St. Catharines would not be where it is today if it was not for Rebecca Cann.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: C. Chin Yet

Attachments:

- Exhibit Subcommittee Mandate
- Draft Percent for Art Policy