

Cultural Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, May 08, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm

Attendance:

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair
Catherine Chin Yet (Public Art Advisory Committee)
Brian Narhi (Co-Chair Heritage Permit and Heritage Advisory Committees)
Michael O'Neill (Co-Chair Museum Advisory Committee)
Jennifer Wallace (Chair, Arts and Culture Committee)
Jeff McCormick (Acting Chief, Fire and Emergency Services)
Steve Solski (ED FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre)

Regrets:

Councillor Bruce Williamson, Councillor Joe Kushner
Peter Vietgen (Chair, Public Art Advisory Committee)
Robin McPherson (Co-Chair, Heritage Advisory and Heritage Permit Committees)
Robert DeWolfe (Co-Chair, Museum Advisory Committee)

Staff Liaisons:

Lori Mambella ~ Culture
Kathleen Powell ~ Museum Advisory
Julie Hughes ~ Pillar Committee, admin support

Regrets:

Kevin Blozowski ~ Heritage Advisory and Heritage Permit

Guests: Scott Ritchie, Urban Design Planner

Dan Dillon (Director Transportation Environmental Services)
Jim Riddell (Director, Planning and Building Services)

- 1. Chair, Councillor Garcia, called the meeting to order at 4:40pm**
 - Introduction of new senior staff appointed to pillar

- 2. Motion to approve the agenda**

That the CSC adopt the agenda

Moved: J Wallace
Carried

3. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings

That the minutes of the CSC from Nov 2, 2017 are approved

Moved: B Narhi

Carried

4. Presentations: Scott Ritchie

- Future of Facer Street by 8-80 Cities
- Report funded by the civic project fund
- Future of Facer Street process was to develop a coherent and collective vision that will guide future revitalization and design improvement projects
- Mixed use corridor with anticipated intensification
- Culturally diverse neighbourhood established by first generation Europeans
- Business/neighbourhood association established the first Facer Street Festival in 2016
- Information collected through online surveys, on site interviews, walking tours from residents and key stakeholders.
- Report includes 20 recommendations which fulfill a “community vision” for a “unique cultural district, with walkable streets and thriving small businesses.”

Motion:

That staff review the 8-80 Cities Report and, with input from the Facer Street business association and local residents, develop a list of priorities and estimated costs. Staff should report back on this to the CSC in August.

Moved: C Garcia

Carried

5. Business arising from the minutes

- n/a

6. Business

6.1 i) Arts and Culture Update~ J Wallace

- SCCIP applications (fall 2017) were reviewed and payments are being processed, recommended SCCIP funding for 2018 approved by Council
- Culture Plan Subcommittee updated 2017 work plan, most items complete
- Arts Awards nominations for 5 categories have been received
- Mon June 4 is Arts Awards Ceremony
- R Cann retired and 12-18 month staff vacancy review is planned, K Powell will supervise culture services in the interim

- Welcome to 2 Culture Service Co-ordinators: Michelle Nicholls and Liz Fritshaw
- Ashley Judd-Rifkin is on maternity leave
- Coun Garcia made a motion at City Council to approve a new committee member, Nafee Faigou, to the ACC

Motion

That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: J McCormick

Carried

6.2 i) Public Art Advisory update ~ C Chin-Yet

- Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial deficiency report complete, deficiencies will be addressed in spring
- Carlisle Street public art RFPs are being reviewed and Diamond Schmitt Architects is hired to produce technical drawings of the Carlisle Street Wall
- *Vestiges*, by Amy Friend will be unveiled in FirstOnt PAC, May 2
- \$50,000 has been budgeted for public art at Geneva Street triangle
- 2018 Juried exhibitions theme is “*Motion*”, submissions are due June 25
- *Bridging our Future* exhibit has been extended to January 12
- Centennial Totem Pole consultant costs has been approved for travel, evaluation and participation in public meetings
- *Muse*, an exhibit referencing the 50th anniversary of the twinning of Port of Spain and St. Catharines, is installed on the third floor of City Hall
- *Kitsch for Canada* piece, *The Supersize Spoon and Spoon Holder* has been installed permanently in City Hall
- Landscape of Nations Paper Sculptures are no longer under consideration for donations to the City
- Niagara Folk Arts have been informed that they will receive \$1,500 from the art acquisition budget for the Canada 150 Mosaic Mural
- Work has begun to move forward the Towpath Horses project @ Lock 1
- S Solski is investigating funding for software to program the digital art wall @ PAC

Motion:

That the Public Art Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: J Wallace

Carried

6.3 Museum Advisory update ~ M O'Neill

- 21 items were considered and accepted for addition to the Museum collection
- Many items were also approved for de-accessioning
- *Heroes in Peace* and *One Five Oh!* Exhibits closed on Apr 22
- Family history workshops have been very popular
- An exhibit highlighting objects found or buried in walls is currently on display in the lobby
- Family Day and March Break programs were very successful
- The Museum participated in the In the Soil program with the History Insite program
- Morning Star Mill and Carousel are scheduled to open on May 19

Motion:

That the Museum Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: C Chin-Yet

Carried

6.4 Heritage Advisory update ~ B Narhi

- Rodman Hall designated
- Power Glen Heritage Conservation District video shown
- Committee discussion held on ways to assist BME Church with conservation works
- S Ritchie did presentation on Smart Kiosks to be installed downtown
- Costing to be determined for Bill Wiley memorial plaque at Mountain Locks Park
- Two heritage plaques are in production for Mayhole and TenBroeck Cemetery

Motion

That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: J Wallace

Carried

6.5 Heritage Permit update ~ B Narhi

- D Webb resigned as Chair and B Narhi appointed with R McPherson as Co-Chair
- Approved construction of new buildings at 81 Main Street, 29 Power Glen, 10 Verdun, 28 Graham, 31 Christie, requested revised plans for 106 Dalhousie, approved demolition for 29 and 31 Christie and approved addition at 106 Dalhousie and 108 Louisa

Motion:

That the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: S Solski

Carried

7. Other business

- n/a

8. Next meeting: Tuesday August 14
4:30 to 5:30pm

9. Motion to Adjourn:

That the CSC meeting adjourn at 5:25

Moved: S Solski

Carried