

Minutes

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm

Attendance:

Susan Ashukian, Catherine Chin Yet, Elizabeth Chitty, Stephen Remus, Peter Vietgen (Chair), Michael Zuberec,

Absent:

Staff Liaison:

Olivia Hope, Michelle Nicholls

- 1. Call meeting to order**
P. Vietgen brought the meeting to order at 4:33 pm
- 2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**
- 3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
No Update
- 4. Motion to approve the agenda for October 24, 2018**
Moved: S. Ashukian Carried.
- 5. Motion to adopt the minutes of August 29, 2018**
Moved: E. Chitty Carried.
- 6. Business arising from the minutes**
No new business arising.
- 7. Correspondence**
No correspondence.

8. Business

8.1. Community Proposals

(a) Port Dalhousie Lock 1

O. Hope read relevant abstracts to committee from the Lease Agreement made in March 2017 between the City of St. Catharines and Kiwanis Club. The committee was satisfied with the outlined responsibility of the committee

Motion: to accept the Community Proposals Report.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

8.2. Civic Art Collection

(a) Centennial Totem Pole

Staff is currently working on a council report related to the totem pole. The Council Report is scheduled to be completed in the New Year. P. Vietgen inquired about the options for the Totem Pole. O. Hope noted that a number of options were brought up at the consultations and will be focused in the report. The committee requested that staff provide the report before it goes to council.

(b) WCFW memorial to add to the art collection

O. Hope informed the committee that the text panel on the memorial has been vandalized. M. Zuberec inquired about pursuing security. O. Hope noted that security cannot be looked into until the memorial has been accepted into the City Civic Art Collection. Counc. Kushner asked about the cost of fixing the vandalism. Staff were unable to answer this question at the time. The committee suggested that the vandalized glass be replaced with a different material. O. Hope noted that any changes would have to go back to the original artist. S. Remus supported this and recommended asking the firm if there are other options.

(c) Updates

- O. Hope informed the committee that the “Unknown Artworks” have been given back to the Knox Presbyterian Church.
- The Spirit of St. Catharines deed of gift was signed and the City now officially owns the monument.

- The Heavy Eight Monument was reviewed by Conservator Susan Maltby. Staff are waiting for the memorandum. O Hope noted that staff anticipate creating a yearly maintenance plan with Parks for all outdoor public art.

Motion: to accept the Civic Art Collection report.
 Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

9.3 Policy Development

- a. Percent for Art Policy
 No updates

Motion: to approve the Policy Development Report.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

9.4 Exhibit Subcommittee Report

- a. Update
 O. Hope informed the committee about the development of an exhibition on Carl Beam for the Joy Williams Lobby of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre (PAC) – to replace the NSO exhibit. The exhibition’s install and opening reception is scheduled for early-January. The sub-committee is moving forward with paying CARFAC Fees, developing loan forms and investigating insurance requirements. Next steps for the sub-committee are to work on text and marketing. The sub-committee would like to focus on the artworks’ relevance to local indigenous peoples. Michelle-Elise Burnette has been contacted in order to help bridge ideas. O. Hope is researching how to activate the space and proposed hosting a film in the PAC Film House.

- b. Evaluation Success Survey
 O. Hope is currently working on creating a survey document in FormBuilder in order to track the data.

Motion: to approve the Exhibit Subcommittee Report.

Moved: S. Ashukian Carried.

9.5 Public Art Programming

- (a) Exhibit Updates

- The Annual Juried Exhibit: Motion was installed and had its opening reception on September 26. The exhibit will be installed until March 2019.
- Willow Arts Community installed a large art piece, 'Abstract City Hall' on the 2nd floor of City Hall. The opening reception will be held on November 2, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. O. Hope passed out invitations to the committee.
- O. Hope is currently working with St. Francis Catholic School, Sir Winston and Laura Secord to produce an exhibition. The exhibition entitled 'Seasons' will be a responsive series. The exhibition will consist of artwork of students reacting to pieces in the City Civic Art Collection. Installation anticipated in March 2019 to September 2019.
- O. Hope is having interpretive panels related to the Centennial Gardens Totem Pole created for a space outside of the Mayor's office. Anticipated install, mid-November 2018.
- Heroes in Peace exhibit related to the fallen workers of the Welland Ship Canal was installed in the Film House Lobby of the PAC in late-September 2018.

(b) Juried Exhibit Art Acquisition

O. Hope noted that the committee will need to consider which art piece they would like to acquire. O. Hope clarified with the committee the process for acquisitions last year.

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

O. Hope informed the committee that Council has selected an artist/ art piece for CSPA. The chosen artist is Lilly Otasevic, the art piece is titled, 'Curtain Call'. The Press Release for the art piece was made public today.

(d) Other

Motion: to accept report on Public Art.

Moved: E. Chitty Carried.

9.6 Report from Cultural Services Office

- The Arts Awards Committee has chosen the PAC as the venue for the next Arts Awards. The date of the Arts Awards has changed to May 2019.

- Culture Days took place on the weekend of September 28. The weekend was very successful.
- Next upcoming SCCIP deadline is Friday, October 26, 2018.
- The Public Art Advisory Committee will be running until March 2019.

Motion: to accept the report from the Cultural Services Office
 Moved: S. Ashukian Carried.

9.7 Other Business

a) Update of Rodman Hall

- E. Chitty informed the committee that there is an HVAC failure that caused a one-week closure. The HVAC is still not complete causing the entire Fall Program to be postponed. The next exhibition opening (Northern Oracle) is scheduled for November 1. The artist, Heather Hart of Northern Oracle will be hosting a lecture at Rodman Hall on November 1. The previously existing program is being moved. They were unable to publish a newsletter recently but will be publishing a Fall/Winter newsletter.
- They hosted an ASL drawing class pilot and it was well received by deaf community.
- Education program is continuing. Rodman Hall participated in Culture Days
- Up Close and In Motion continues until December. Current iterations curated by local artist Jimmy Limit and are creating new works in response.
- Feasibility study completed on September 23. The University has not announced distribution of the study. This study was requested by Coalition and commissioned by the University
- Rodman Hall has been nominated for 3 OAAG awards for Sarindar Dhaliwal Catalogue.

b) Update of Niagara Artists Centre (NAC)

- Anthropocene is coming to Film House. The film focuses on Climate Change. The Film House will also be hosting a series curated by the Niagara Society of Architects, a design series.
- NAC is planning for their 50th anniversary. Thus far they have scheduled, "Impossible Objects" – an art installation consisting of art miniatures placed in re-purposed machines installed downtown. There will be an Open Call to artists for the project - yet to go live.
- NAC has Partnered with Willow Arts Community. They will be doing a Series of ongoing workshops.

- S. Remus discussed properties around NAC becoming available. NAC is planning on taking over these properties in order to combine affordable housing and a Cultural Complex. It would be a multi-use venue with a focus on Cultural organizations.

9. Date of next meeting

TBD

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: E. Chitty Carried.