

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

Members:

Mo Al Jumaily, David DeRocco, Justus Düntsch, Don Evans, Suzie Melville, Sandy Middleton

Regrets: Karissa Fast, Jennifer Hay, Emily Kovacs, Kate Leathers, Chad MacDonald, Connor Wilkes

Staff Liaison:

Ashley Judd-Rifkin, Lori Mambella, Michelle Nicholls, Kathleen Powell

- 1. Call meeting to order (S. Middleton)**
5:04 p.m.
- 2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**
- 3. Introductions**
None
- 4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
None
- 5. Motion to approve the agenda for August 27, 2020**
Moved: M. Al Jumaily **Carried**
- 6. Motion to adopt the minutes of June 29, 2020**
Moved: D. Evans **Carried**
- 7. Business arising from the minutes**
N/A

8. Correspondence

The Committee received correspondence from the City's Economic Development office regarding Facer Street banners, with a request for input. Committee members found that the banners were not diverse in terms of representations of people of colour. One Committee member (with a visual design background) noted that the images will be very difficult to see from the street and recommended the use of single images instead of photo collages.

9. Business

9.1. Arts Awards Subcommittee Report – No Report

9.2. SCCIP Subcommittee Report – D. De Rocco

Deadline for applications was July 31, 2020. The SCCIP Review Committee reviewed applications to the Arts and Culture Community Revitalization Program for projects that will take place between now and Spring 2021. As per program guidelines, priority was given to arts and culture initiatives that support downtown revitalization and/or seek to enhance public life during recovery from the COVID-19 epidemic.

The Review Committee read 21 applications to the Program then met yesterday (August 26) to discuss and score all applications.

S. Middleton noted that the Committee needed to pass a motion to go In-Camera for: commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality.

9.2.1. Motion to go In Camera:

That the committee meet in-camera pursuant to By-law 2015-121, Schedule A, Section 11.1(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization, regarding 2020 Arts and Culture Community Revitalization Program Application Review.

Moved by: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

S. Middleton stated that the Committee would go In Camera and would come back out to the public session once the application discussion had taken place. She explained to the Committee how they would be moved to a breakout room.

In-Camera: the Arts and Culture Community Revitalization Program recommendations made by the SCCIP Review Committee were presented to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee for consideration.

The Committee moved back into Open Session at 5:35p.m.

9.2.2. Motion Arising from In-Camera Session

S. Middleton thanked the SCCIP Review Committee for their evaluation of the applications and the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee for their discussion.

Motion:

That the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee approve the recommended allocation of SCCIP funding as identified during the In-Camera session; and

That the recommendations be referred to City Council for ratification.

Moved by: D. DeRocco

Carried

9.3. Culture Plan Subcommittee Report – No Report

9.4. Cultural Sustainability Committee Report – No Report

9.5. Report from Cultural Services Office – A. Judd-Rifkin

- Office has gone through more changes over the last 2 months. CSO staff are not working from home anymore but are back in the office.
- SCCIP updates:
 - Sustaining – Core, Midsized and Festival Program applicants have received their funds for 2020/21.
 - Culture Days Activity Program applicants have received the first installment of funding for their activities.
 - After the Arts & Culture Community Revitalization Program recommendations the committee made earlier in this meeting go to Council, that will be it for SCCIP allocations for 2020. After Culture Days I will be busy working on next year's program, as well as all the reporting from any projects that are completed over the fall.
- The Annual Juried Exhibit – More Than Words: Truth & Reconciliation – received 25 applications at its June 22 deadline. Staff is in the process of setting up the jury for this show. City Hall is now open again so once the pieces are juried the show can go up.
- Culture Days is less than a month away! Beginning on September 25 and running until October 25, staff are busy helping SCCIP-funded activity and event organizers to secure locations if they are doing in-person activities (with safe physical distancing protocols in place) or helping to acquire technology if they are doing online/streaming/video activities.
- CD month will be quite busy for CSO staff as the Arts Awards are also being planned to take place towards the end of October. Recipients will be honoured via a virtual event and we're hoping to partner with the FirstOntario PAC to pull this off. Details to come!

- Culture Ink is now bi-weekly, but still provides lots of information and links to online content. The focus is still on providing interesting arts & Culture content and news, as well as providing resources to artists and arts organizations.

Motion to accept report: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

9.6. Other Business

S. Middleton asked when ACAC might hear more about the PAC Ticket surcharge information.

K. Powell noted that there is no answer to that question right now as the Budget Standing Committee hasn't met in a long time, and they're juggling priorities as to what the 2021 budget will look like. She recommended ACAC wait until the 2021 budget is presented before the question is asked again.

D. DeRocco noted he has become Chair of the Neil Peart Memorial Task Force and will step down as Chair of the SCCIP Subcommittee. He will be replaced as chair at the next subcommittee meeting.

10. Date of next meeting

TBD

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Moved by: D. Evans

Carried