

Minutes

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mo Al Jumaily, Robert De Wolfe (Chair), Sandy Middleton, Mark Roe,

Absent:

Peter Wing

Guests:

Councillor Carlos Garcia

Staff Liaison:

Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Culture Services; Kathleen Powell, Supervisor of Historical Services & Acting Supervisor of Cultural Services; Olivia Hope, Culture Coordinator

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 by Sandy Middleton for R. DeWolfe

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Sandy Middleton acknowledged that the land on which the Rodman Hall Task Force meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

There were no amendments or deletions to the agenda.

4. Motion to approve the agenda

That the Rodman Hall Task Force approve the agenda for the meeting of March 11, 2021.

Moved by M. Al Jumaily

Carried

5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

That the Rodman Hall Task Force approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021.

Moved by M. Al Jumaily

Carried

6. **Declarations of Interest**

7. **Presentations (invited guests)**

8. **Business arising from the minutes**

Update on follow up with developer representatives.

There was concern that we might be missing a big opportunity with the building and that every effort should be made to keep the collection in that space.

9. **Business**

a. **9.1 – Task Force direction moving forward**

Draft report for Cultural Sustainability Committee

Committee looked at the report. Phil provided a synopsis of what's in the report.

This is the time to edit and make changes to capture the recommendations as per the last meeting. Do the recommendations speak to what the Task Force wants it to say?

Because the mandate of the Task Force was not specific to the art the Task Force really have no real say in what happens to the art collection.

Ownership of the art collection has been transferred to RHAC Inc.

Add to recommendations: That council direct the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee to work with Rodman Hall Arts Centre Inc. to care for the collection. After the Task Force is done it's support of the Rodman Hall collection should be shifted to either ACAC or PAAC, whichever is appropriate. Whatever support the City can provide is important.

As regards to recommendation #3 related to the Rodman Hall building and its future use.

This Task Force can only make a recommendation to council, not the owners. They are a private entity so its really up to them to decide what they want to do with the building in the future.

One thing to consider is that Rodman Hall is a historic building in St. Catharines that is significant to the history of the city.

10. **Date of next meeting – To be determined**

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by Counc. Garcia Carried