

Public Art Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 21, 2013
4:00pm – 5:30pm
Anteroom, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Present: Lesley Bell (Co-Chair), Marcie Bronson, Sandra Merk, Michael Zuberec
Regrets: Councillor Mark Elliott, Stephen Remus (Co-Chair), Peter Vietgen
Staff: Rebecca Cann, Scott Ritchie, Jennifer Tupling

1. Welcome and Introductions

R. Cann explained that she would be chairing the meeting at L. Bell's request.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda for Thursday March 21, 2013.

Moved: M. Bronson **Seconded:** S. Merk **Approved.**

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday February 26, 2013.

Moved: M. Bronson **Seconded:** L. Bell **Approved.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nothing at this time.

5. Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

6. Community Public Art Initiatives

a. Les Allies – 1812 – The Allies – Club LaSalle project

R. Cann noted that a Report to Council went forward on March 18, 2013 recommending that the City not proceed with the project due to the lack of a grant. She reviewed correspondence from Rod Morris who appreciated the decision and the work undertaken by staff and the committee.

7. Public Art Initiatives

a. City Hall Exhibits

J. Tupling reported that the jury will be meeting within the week to select the artwork for the exhibit. R. Cann explained that renovations are currently being done outside the Mayor's office. Once these are complete the Brock/City exhibit can be installed.

R. Cann inquired if anyone on the committee would be interested in assisting with the development of the fall exhibit celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the

Downtown Association. They might be a contact for any community engagement related to the exhibit. M. Zuberec volunteered to assist as a liaison.

b. 1812 Public Art - Richard Pierpoint

R. Cann reported that she talked to Kathleen Powell regarding the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History and they would welcome a delegation from the Public Art Advisory Committee at their next meeting, on April 11 at 6:30PM, to share information. L. Bell volunteered to attend this meeting. R. Cann will also find out when the next Central Ontario Black History Network meeting is scheduled and arrange for a member to attend.

The committee briefly discussed ideas for the type of artwork for the project. They considered the notion of a pathway as part of the project. They also discussed potential jury membership and the importance of including representatives from the Black community.

c. Centennial Gardens Exhibit – 2013 Theme

R. Cann confirmed the Museum will collaborate on this year's exhibit of photos. The committee discussed what to do in the space in the interim as it is starting to look weather beaten.

Action: R. Cann will contact the appropriate City staff to have the space cleaned and the old posters removed.

d. Downtown Performing Arts Centre Public Art

Final designs available soon.

e. Spectator Facility Public Art

Final designs available soon.

8. St. Catharines Arts Awards Development

R. Cann reviewed those interested in joining the Jury.

Action: R. Cann will contact the community members suggested for this jury.

9. Art Collection

a. Collection Updates

Day of Mourning: Tribute to Workers Monument

R. Cann reported that the monument has been temporarily moved to Memorial Park to ensure it was not damaged during recent underground work near the Burgoyne Bridge. She discussed the preferred locations for the final placement and asked for feedback. The committee suggested Victoria Lawn Cemetery as a possible location. They also agreed that the Museum grounds would be an appropriate location and feared that the gateway could start to become crowded with all the other items already on

display. R. Cann will utilize this information in an upcoming report to Council.

Johansson's Bar

The committee reviewed the proposal from the Green Committee for the land where Johansson's Bar is currently located. R. Cann noted the plaque is currently in rough shape. She inquired as to how the committee would want to be involved in this project and what they thought of the plans. The committee was supportive of the project and suggested that some work is required if the artifact is to be a centerpiece of the landscape plan. Their initial concern is for safety of both the artifact and the public. They discussed whether there were ways for viewers to have a better understanding of its use and importance in local history.

Action: Committee asked to think more about the improvements that they would like to see in relation to the presentation of the artifact and the overall project. L. Bell and S. Merk will do some research on the heritage of Johansson's Bar with assistance from staff.

i. Other

Nothing at this time.

b. Twinning Artwork – Deferred

10. Development of Public Art Procurement Process - Deferred

11. Review the Public Art Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The committee reviewed and discussed the questions related to the Terms of References from other communities. They considered how they related to the committee and the City of St. Catharines.

Action: Rebecca will utilize the comments of the committee and develop a draft Terms of Reference for review at the April meeting.

12. Reports

a. Culture Committee

R. Cann reported that the Arts Awards nomination forms are now available online and nominations are being accepted. The deadline for nominations is Monday April 15. She announced that each of the awards has been sponsored.

b. Joint Mural Task Force

No report.

c. Cultural Services

R. Cann reported that she will share the draft Culture Plan with the committee at their April meeting. She explained that grant reporting for the Culture Plan is completed and is underway for cNiagara. The first cNiagara.ca user bulletin was sent out today and currently there are more than 200 events listed on the site. R. Cann announced that St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program applications are also available now and the deadline for submission is May 31, an earlier deadline than previous years.

d. Hospital Arts Committee

No report.

13. Other Business

S. Ritchie provided the committee with some basic information on recent conversations regarding the development of a Civic Square in the area around City Hall. He wanted the committee to be aware that plans are in progress as there are several works of public art in this area.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting of Thursday March 21, 2013.

Moved: M. Zuberec

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:31 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday April 18, 2013 – 4:00pm

Upcoming Events

Beyond the Wall - Opening Reception – Thursday April 25, 2013 at 4PM, City Hall
Naoko Matsubara's Artist Talk - Saturday May 4, 2013 at 3PM, Rodman Hall