



PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 2, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Karen Campbell | - Urban Designer |
| Jacqueline Dionne | - Arts Commission Representative |
| Ted Drabyk | - Community Member |
| Mariane Kazemir | - Community Member |
| Peter Lojewski | - Community Member |
| Eric Pattison | - Urban Designer |
| Lynne Probyn | - Community Member |

MEMBERS REGRETS:

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| Eryne Donahue | - Community Member |
| Councillor Mary Trentadue | - Council Representative |

GUESTS:

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| Ammar Mahimwalla | - Vancouver Biennale |
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STAFF PRESENT:

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| Rob McCullough | - Manager, Cultural Services |
| Biliana Velkova | - Arts Coordinator |
| Lauren Blake | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the March 5, 2015 Minutes

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Vancouver Biennale Blue Trees Location Presentation

Ammar Mahimwalla, Vancouver Biennale, provided a PowerPoint presentation and summarized the on-table document regarding the additional Blue Trees proposal and installation location.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Mahimwalla provided the following information:

- The eastern lawn of City Hall would not be disturbed by the installation as the trees would remain in burlap sacks;
- Theft of the trees would be difficult due to the weight of the trees; and,
- The watering of the trees would be the responsibility of the City.

Mr. Mahimwalla advised that he would forward a budget proposal to Rob McCullough, Manager of Cultural Services.

The Committee expressed support for the additional installation of Blue Trees, noting that the project would be a positive expansion of the Biennale program.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee support the expansion of the Blue Trees installation and banners to the east lawn of City Hall in principle; and,

THAT staff explore the budget and feasibility of the proposed expansion.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Utility Box Image Sharing Proposal

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, summarized the proposal from Perrier Design regarding the utility box image project.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff provided the following information:

- The \$6920.00 annual maintenance fees as outlined in the proposal would be funded from the Public Art Reserve Fund (PARF);
- There is approximately \$130,000.00 in the PARF;
- The Committee would select the submissions to utilize for a utility box;
- The artist would maintain the copyright of the image; and,
- Perrier Designs currently provides the graphic design services for box wrappings.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted that wrapping boxes could provide art in every neighbourhood of the city, and that this could be a good project to introduce public art to the community. The Committee suggested that either all available boxes could be wrapped during a single phase, or a few selected boxes could be wrapped and curated specifically for the location of the box.

The Committee requested that staff review similar utility box wrapping programs in other municipalities, as well as procure an additional proposal for project from the graphic design company that manages the City's cultural map.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Stop&Stare Project Presentation

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, advised that the Faces of New Westminster exhibition is being considered for the temporary art installation on the hoarding during construction at the New Westminster SkyTrain Station. Ms. Velkova noted that the exhibition has received permission from the individuals in the photographs to utilize their image.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Parkade Public Art Project Subcommittee report

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reported the following information regarding the Parkade Public Art project:

- Two of the selected themes, "The Working River" and "The History of This Place", have been amalgamated to accommodate the theme "Abstraction";
- The call for the project is anticipated to be distributed to the public by April 2015;
- The demolition and rehabilitation schedule for the parkade has been amended; and,
- The artist would have the option of completing the project either during or upon completion of construction.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

MOTION:

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter:

- (a) *personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an office, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.*

Purpose of the meeting:
Personal matters

9.0 NEXT MEETING

May 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Committee Room #2

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Certified Correct,

LYNNE PROBYN
CHAIR

LAUREN BLAKE
COMMITTEE CLERK