



PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 8, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Committee Room #2

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Mary Trentadue	- Council Representative
Stephen O'Shea	- Chair, Arts Professional Representative
Jacqueline Buchanan	- Community Member
Eryne Donahue	- Arts Commission Representative
Bruce Hemstock	- Urban Designer
Kendra Johnston	- Community Member
Mariane Kazemir	- Community Member

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Karen Campbell	- Vice Chair, Urban Designer
Richard Carswell	- Community Member
Erin Jeffrey	- Community Member
Vesna Malkjovic	- Arts Professional Representative
Neal Michael	- Community Member

GUESTS:

Lynne Werker	- Public Art Plan Consultant
--------------	------------------------------

STAFF PRESENT:

Biliana Velkova	- Arts Coordinator
April Darke	- Committee Clerk
Carol Lee	- Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 The following items were added:

- Item 5.8 Birds on a Branch Update
- Item 5.9 2017 - 2018 Work Plan

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 8, 2017 Public Art Advisory Committee agenda be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the April 6, 2017 Minutes

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the April 6, 2017 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Public Art Plan Workshop

Lynne Werker, Public Art Consultant, referenced the list of potential projects and locations that were identified during the Public Art Advisory Committee Planning workshops.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Bruce Hemstock arrived at 5:13 pm

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following:

- Seeking input from the public on additional sites, followed by consultation with the Development Services and Park and Recreations Departments on the suggestions offered by the public
- Additional areas where public art installations should be considered
- Suggestion to add art installation to the following “Civic” projects:

- Arenex
- Canada Games Pool
- Animal shelter
- Opportunity for the Committee to work with developers to influence public art installations:
 - This is more likely in large master planned communities than single site developments
 - Suggestion to insert the public art conversation into the development permit application process
- Need to include a formal public art plan in the Riverfront Strategy:
 - Develop themes and a framework for the public art plan to inform site-specific art pieces that will be installed as the area develops
 - Importance of working with the Development Services and Parks and Recreation Departments to consider how people will move along the riverfront and to identify locations for public art that would create connections
- Development of themes that would allow an artist to respond with proposals for specific art pieces:
 - Options for the development of themes:
 - Dedicate a portion of each Committee meeting to developing each theme
 - Engage a consultant to ensure that the work is completed and that there is continuity
 - Recommended themes would be presented to Council for approval
 - Include whimsy and elements of surprise within the themes
 - Suggestion to develop a cultural map of New Westminster to inform the development of themes.

The Committee provided comments and suggestions on advancing the development of the Public Art Plan:

- Develop themes or general plans that could be used to work with other City departments to integrate public art in the early stages of planning
- Establish goals for the number of temporary (e.g. banners, Capture Photography Festival) and public art projects each year
- Increase the use of light as a medium for public art:
 - Consider the type of movement through the area at specific times of the day
- Identify areas for specific types of work
- Develop themes for specific zones (e.g. Riverfront) to inform the Planning Department
- Obtain more information on the future direction of City planning
- Formalize an annual public art walk to determine where gaps exist and where art pieces should be installed
- Suggestion that an additional workshop be held in the fall 2017
- Suggestion to create a working group to generate a cultural/historical map over the summer months to inform the development of themes.

Biliana Velkova will send an email to Committee members, requesting volunteers to participate in two Working Group meetings to create a cultural/historical map over the summer months.

5.2 Capture Photography Festival

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, advised that Capture Photography Festival (Capture) installations were located uptown and downtown. Capture was well received and garnered significant traditional and social media attention.

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following:

- The project was approximately \$15,000 under budget
- Capture has indicated that they would like to partner with the City again in 2018
- Identification of sites should commence in September 2017:
 - Capture prefers sites that are easily accessible by transit
 - Suggestions for potential sites
- The exhibition period of Capture is one year, although the life of the material used is five years:
 - Council has indicated a preference for the installations to be retained for longer than one year
 - Agreement to approach Telus for sponsorship
 - Suggestion to continue with the existing site to commence the generation of an inventory of up to five sites.

Biliana Velkova to investigate suggested sites for the 2018 Capture Photography Festival and report back to the Committee.

5.3 Queensborough Public Art Inspired Bus Shelter

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “Queensborough Public Art Inspired Bus Shelter” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Information Update June 8, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material.

5.4 River as Home

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “River as Home” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Information Update June 8, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material.

5.5 Canada 150 Mosaic Unveiling

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “Canada 150 Mosaic Unveiling” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Information Update June 8, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material.

5.6 Community Banners Unveiling

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “Community Banners Unveiling” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Information Update June 8, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material.

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following:

- Suggestions that the names of local artists not be disclosed to future selection panels
- Suggestion to include greater representation of female artists.

5.7 Front Street Mews Barrier Wall Public Art Treatment

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “Front Street Mews Barrier Wall Public Art Treatment” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Information Update June 8, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material. The project was funded through the unexpended funds from Capture.

Discussion ensued on the need to establish or review the artist selection process and the Committee noted the following:

- Eligibility of Anvil Centre artists in residence at to be selected for projects
- Need to develop policies for the composition of juries and calls to artists to ensure that the same artists and jury members are not repeatedly selected
- Need to consider whether City staff should be voting members of juries.

5.8 Birds on a Branch

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “Birds on a Branch Update” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Information Update June 8, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material. It is expected that the lighting of the installation will be completed by the fall 2017.

5.9 2017 - 2018 Work Plan

This item was tabled to the meeting of September 7, 2017.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 There were no items.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

September 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Committee Room #2

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Stephen O'Shea
Chair

April Darke, Committee Clerk
Carol Lee, Recording Secretary,
Raincoast Ventures Ltd.