

 Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 9, 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
Karen Campbell	- Vice Chair, Urban Designer (exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m.)
Richard Carswell	- Community Member
Eryne Donahue	- Arts Commission Representative
Bruce Hemstock	- Urban Designer (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)
Kendra Johnston	- Community Member
Vesna Malkjovic	- Arts Professional Representative
Neal Michael	- Community Member
Jacqueline Buchanan	- Community Member
Erin Jeffrey	- Community Member

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Mariane Kazemir	- Community Member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Biliana Velkova	- Arts Coordinator
April Darke	- Committee Clerk

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

1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 The following items were removed:

- Item 4.1 2017 – 2018 Work Plan
- Item 4.2 Front Street Mews Barrier Wall Public Art Treatment
- Item 5.1 4th Street Staircase Flex Space

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the November 9, 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 September 7, 2017 Minutes

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the September 7, 2017 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.2 Capture Photography Festival

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding details of the Capture Photography Festival, and the jury's selection for the public art piece for the festival.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee suggested that additional theme development be considered. It was further noted that the title and images for the piece should be cognizant of the Royal Columbian Hospital and the Sapperton Park playground.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Bruce Hemstock arrived to the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Staff advises the Jury that another call for the public art piece for Capture Photography Festival will take place, and that further criteria will be provided to them from the Public Art Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

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

With regard to the theme and criteria for the piece, the Committee suggested the following:

- Vibrancy and colour could be beneficial for the area;
- Potential themes could be focused around rebirth, renewal, growth, harvesting or planting, community wellness, and children at play;
- Ensuring that the theme is broad could provide artists with a greater amount of creative liberties; and,
- A more abstract piece could be a welcome change to the community.

Ms. Velkova suggested that a January meeting be called in order to review the jury's next selection.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Public Art Plan

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, and Stephen O'Shea, Chair and Arts Professional Representative, reviewed the "Public Art Plan Update" item in the "Public Art Advisory Committee Update November 9, 2017" document that was provided with the agenda material.

6.2 Public Furniture Urban Trees

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the "Public Furniture Urban Trees" item in the "Public Art Advisory Committee Update November 9, 2017" document that was provided with the agenda material.

6.3 Fire Escape Stairs at 642 Columbia Street

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Karen Campbell exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “First Escape Stairs at 642 Columbia Street” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Update November 9, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider the Fire Escape Stairs located at 642 Columbia Street to be a programmable space with a financial cost of up to \$75,000.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Public Art Committee recommend to Council that Council consider that the Fire Escape Stairs at 642 Columbia Street be considered a programmable public art space, using innovative media.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider providing access to the public to the Fire Escape Stairs at 642 Columbia Street.

CARRIED.

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

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Councillor Trentadue left the meeting at 6:43p.m.

6.4 Interim Facility at Queens Park

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “Interim Facility at Queens Park” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Update November 9, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material.

6.5 Birds on a Branch Lighting

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, reviewed the “Birds on a Branch Lighting” item in the “Public Art Advisory Committee Update November 9, 2017” document that was provided with the agenda material.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

Date to be determined.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Stephen O’Shea
Chair

April Darke, Committee Clerk