

City of Maple Ridge Public Art Steering Committee MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Public Art Steering Committee, held via Zoom teleconference on March 4, 2021 at 4:05 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Gordy Robson Council Liaison

Susan Hayes, Chair Member at Large – Artist
Wan-Yi Lin Member at Large – Artist
Steven Bartok Member at Large – Architect
Leigh Smith Member at Large – Community

Naomi Evans Arts Council Representative, The ACT Arts Centre
Donald Luxton Member at Large – Developer/Community

STAFF PRESENT

Yvonne Chui Staff Liaison/Manager, Arts and Community Connections

Sabina Chand Committee Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2021-008

It was moved and seconded

That the March 4, 2021 Public Art Steering Committee meeting amended Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Public Art Steering Committee Regular Meeting – November 5, 2020

R/2021-009

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Public Art Steering Committee meeting dated February 4, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Healthy Communities Initiative Grant

Yvonne Chui shared information on the Healthy Communities Initiative Grant funded by the Government of Canada to support communities with the development of public spaces in response to COVID-19. She presented two proposed projects for the Committee's input. Discussion followed on timeline, community engagement, budget reallocation and interest to go forward with both options.

- Option A: Public art for empty storefronts and store interventions
- Option B: LED Lighting installations

R/2021-010

It was moved and seconded

That the Public Art Steering Committee support the two options for the grant as recommended including re-aligning the budget to include option A and B.

CARRIED

Note: Councillor Robson joined at 4:21 pm

- 5. QUESTION PERIOD NIL
- 6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 6.1 Project Updates:
 - 6.1.1 Hammond Community Centre Renovations

Chair provided an update on the selection of the design process and artist is working with the architect. Staff liaison will provide update shortly and will know who is general contractor and confirm pricing shortly.

R/2021-011

It was moved and seconded

That the design Variation 2 be accepted for the exterior of the Hammond Community Centre submitted by Mary-Ann Liu and Paul Slipper.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Kanaka Regional Park Public Art

Naomi provided an update that 3 artists have been shortlisted from the long list and next steps would be to review their proposals and award one or two artists for the project. A major criteria as outlined in the call details will be community engagement especially students from local area schools and families in the neighbourhood. Anticipate a summer/fall implementation pending Health Order and availability of artist(s) selected.

6.1.3 Developer Public Art - Concept Approval for 2019-268-RZ at 22340 St. Anne Ave.

Developer of the St. Ann Ave. site submitted concept proposals from artist Jill Anholt Studio for the NW corner concrete wall of the new multi-story building – "Run" and "Scale" that responds to the natural surroundings for the proposed development, specifically salmon as the Fraser River is in close proximity. Discussion ensued to provide feedback to the developer and artist.

R/2021-012

It was moved and seconded

That the Concept 1: Run be approved as the colours and movement in this concept was more suitable; and

That the artist and developer get structural sign off for the installation as needed and be mindful of potential for extremities in gaps presented in the artwork.

CARRIED

Note: Leigh Smith left at 4:47 pm

7. LIAISON UPDATES

7.1 Staff Liaison

The Staff Liaison noted that the General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture, David Boag is retiring and a new manager will be joining the City shortly.

7.2 Council Liaison - NIL

8. TASK FORCE UPDATES

8.1 Public Art Plan Framework and Policy

No further update.

8.2 Artist in Residence Program

Wan-Yi and Naomi Evans provided an update on the program and highlighted the following outcomes of the first meeting with the artists:

- Great conversations in how to bring project forward;
- Next steps to have another look at capacity and timeline and priorities;
- Process for reviewing and approving proposed projects was useful, positive and a smart way to utilize and produce community public art projects;
- Task Force will meet again in 6 months for a follow up;
- Continue to work on funding and have this ongoing to benefit our community and meet goals in the City's Culture Plan and strategic priorities.

9. ROUNDTABLE

Committee members shared details on upcoming events related to public art in the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 5:01 pm.

The next regular Public Art Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

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