



Hamilton

MINUTES
ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

October 25, 2016
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Basement Room B05
Lister Block, 28 James Street N.

Chair: Kyle Skinner Minute Taker: Christine Vernem

Present: Elena Balaska, Christine Braun, Monika Ciolek, Sara Dickinson, Patricia LeClair,
Ray Rivers, Ken Coit (Staff)

Absent with

Regrets: Councillor Sam Merulla, Peter Malysewich, Councillor Donna Skelly

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Arts Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, dated August 30, 2016.

An addition was made to the minutes under Item 5.1 - AAC Workplan and Budget Submissions for 2017. A budget submission and Council report will be put forth to GIC and Council.

THAT staff prepare a report to be forwarded to the budget process General Issues Committee (GIC) requesting a base budget for 2017 of \$9,000.

Moved: Patricia LeClair Seconded: Elena Balaska

Ken advised that any dollars left in the budget at the end of the year would be placed in a reserve fund. This motion is historically put forth to Council.

Ken will confirm whether one of the Co-Chairs needs to be in attendance during the AAC budget discussions at GIC or Council.

CARRIED

4. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Public Art Master Plan and Review Update

Definition:

Public Art is created by artists, or in collaboration with artists, through a public process and existing on a publicly accessible City of Hamilton owned property.

Ken provided context to the Public Art Master Plan (PAMP) Review which was originally approved in 2009 highlighting the following:

- The Plan outlines priority sites and the way public art is commissioned.
- The City has no policy, grants or proposals to support art in public or private places, temporary art, integrated art and the Plan includes recommendations that staff investigate these other types of art.
- One hundred and ten potential public art projects were suggested by survey results and fourteen projects were deemed viable under the Plan.
- The current project capital account contains approximately \$3M.
- The City grants \$171,000 for public art projects.
- Developers in downtown Hamilton are encouraged to waive their development charges by contributing money to the public art reserve.
- Developers are further encouraged to hire an artist as part of the design team while building are being constructed.
- The Public Art Master Plan is scheduled for GIC on November 16th.

Ken will e-mail AAC members once the presentation date has been confirmed.

5.2 2017 Arts Awards Update

Kyle, as a member of the 2017 Arts Awards Steering Committee, presented an update on the Committee activities:

- Visuals (logos, templates etc.,) for the Arts Awards are being redesigned.
- The location of the event varies each year.
- Lincoln Alexander Theatre, Collective Arts and Liuna Station were eliminated as possible locations for the gala due to facilities size, catering and amenities.
- The site selected for the event was the 4th floor of the Hamilton Public Library which has been offered free of charge allowing dollars to be redirected into the concept and event design.
- The site was chosen based on cost, accessibility, capacity, staging, sounding, and seating and washroom facilities. In addition this is thought to be an ideal showcase for the library.
- The event is scheduled for the first of 2nd week of June during Art Week.
- The Committee is focusing on improving showcasing the nominees.
- The concept of the event will be discussed at future meetings.
- The nomination package will be presented on-line this year in an attempt to increase nominations.
- Photography will be moving from the Visual Arts to the Media Arts category.

- The Arts Awards Committee meets on a monthly basis and the nomination packages will be open by the mid November.

Ray suggested the next AAC meeting be held on the 4th floor of the library.

Following discussion on the Shirley Elfordbequest it was agreed that due to the complexity of accessing the money the funds would not be available for this years' Awards gala.

Ken will take the suggestion that a category for Fashion be created to the Arts Awards Committee for consideration.

5.3 Arts Advisory Outreach Subcommittee update

(minutes from the September 28, 2016 meeting)

Patricia reported that:

- The subcommittee have met twice and are committed to hosting an arts community event to gather and share information.
- The event will have a guest speaker and facilitated group sessions to reveal and collect issues important to the arts community.
- The subcommittee is now creating a list of possible guest speakers and will be asking for CD's from each.
- In terms of funding there is \$5,000 available for immediate use and \$13,000 available in the new year.
- The event has been tentatively set for March 25th at the Cotton Factory.
- An Event Planner will be required and consideration is being given to approaching the Arts Council to determine interest in this as opposed to hiring a Corporate Event Planner. Ken will approach the Arts Council.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Following discussion Ken suggested Andrea Carvalho be invited to a meeting to discuss art funding and programming.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

8. MOTIONS

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Kyle Skinner

Seconded:

Ray Rivers

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:10p.m.