



Hamilton

**MINUTES
ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

March 26, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Visitor Information Centre

Lister Block, 28 James Street N.

Chair: Kyle Skinner Recorder: Lauren Anastasi

Present: Christine Braun, Monika Ciolek, Ken Coit, Sara Dickinson, Patricia LeClair, Councillor Farr, Councillor Danko.

Absent with Regrets: Elena Balaska, Ray Rivers

Guest Presentation: Deborah McIvor – Executive Director of Hamilton Arts Council

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Additions:

- a) West Harbour Public Art Project - Juror
- b) Resignation letter from Peter Malysewich
- c) Asking members to volunteer to audit the jury for Hamilton Arts Awards

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Shirley Elford was misspelled. This has been corrected.

No other changes were made to the previous minutes.

MOVED: Patricia LeClair

SECOND: Monika Ciolek

That the meeting minutes of November 27, 2018 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Overview of AAC Mandate and Workplan

Ken Coit provided an overview of the current AAC mandate and the Big Picture 2017 Arts Community Consultation Report.

5.2 Hamilton Arts Council Introduction of new Executive Director and Arts Week Update – Deborah McIvor

- Hamilton Arts Council submitted two proposals for grants to fund Big Picture Arts Week Outreach. Both grant proposals were declined. With only 80 days left to plan and no funding the thought is to forego this year's outreach efforts.
- Arts Week planning is underway for Indigenous arts programming and Cultural Legacies Project programming including events at the Library, AGH, and Indian Centre.
- AAC provided \$7000 funding to study the background to win the Trillium Grant for the Cultural Legacies project to document undocumented Hamilton art and artists from 70s, 80s, 90s.
- Arts Week will include Art Crawl, Creative Arts Fair at CF Limeridge Mall June 14-16, Launch Party at the Cotton Factory.
- What does HAC have planned around advocacy? Deborah started as the new Executive Director of HAC in January and has had most staff turnover. She stated that HAC would act as an umbrella organization, facilitating opportunities for artist and private sector to connect. Support artist in marketing, business building, communication, innovation and seeking out other sources of funding. Advocate for art as expression being opposite to depression and so in support of mental health initiatives. Funding was cut back from the Ontario Arts Council and so this affect HAC's funding and ability to support artists financially.
- Councillor Farr suggested a new community centre Carpenter's Hall – 125 Barton for possible programming venue, community gatherings, arts show etc.
- Ken suggested having Deborah return to a future meeting as an opportunity to discuss possible partnership with new commission members.
- Action: Deborah to send information to Lauren for distribution to AAC Members regarding: HAC looking for more partnerships, information about other programming and to help get the word out on Arts Week. HAC is looking for sponsorship for Cotton Factory Party to pay musicians.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Update from the Hamilton Arts Awards Steering Committee – Sara Dickinson

- Still in search for an MC Comedian. We received more nominations that last year. Event is scheduled for June 13th, 2019 at Theatre

Aquarius as a kick off to Arts Week which begins June 14th, 2019. Tickets are free and will be made available soon.

- AAC volunteers needed for the Arts Awards.
- AAC volunteers also needed to audit the arts award juries. We will reach out to everyone here to attend one date in early April. Everyone agreed we could share their information with Cobalt to schedule meetings.
- Still looking for more Arts Awards reception sponsors.

6.2 Update from the Big Picture Sub-committee – Christine Braun

- We were hoping to partner with Hamilton Arts Council to showcase AAC however, we did not receive the grants. Hope to look at this again for future. It was thought best to defer our efforts on this to next year.

6.3 Update from the Arts Funding Sub-committee – Patricia LeClair

- Not much forward movement. Patricia requested to continue on this work until the new commission is formed. Ken suggested Patricia attend new AAC meeting to pass along information.
- Patricia is interested in supporting something moving forward. Arts funding was approved by council and we need to show council how those funds are benefiting the arts community. She wants to put together this information.

6.4 Update public art program and request for Juror James Street Plaza West Harbour Public Art project – Ken Coit

- Churchill Park Public Art Project is out for online consultation.
- King William Public Art Project as per the Focus Group Report will be a vertical element at James Street North. Call for Artist to be issued late spring.
- Waterfront Trust is working for the City to undertake a public art call for the foot of James Street and is looking for AAC representation.
- Concrete Canvas is not officially a city project but will welcome street artists to its festival this summer along Barton Street.
- Wrapping utility boxes downtown with art. Staff will host a focus group next week and public art project will begin this spring for a late summer or early fall installation.
- Christine Braun volunteered to be AAC representation on the Waterfront Trust Project.

6.5 AAC Budget Update – Ken Coit

- We have \$18,000 in reserve and \$9,000 is approved for 2019. We could be using this money for outreach this year.

6.6 AAC Membership Update – Ken Coit

- This is the last meeting for current AAC members. The term was 4 years. A new commission will be chosen in the next week or so. Ken thanked the members.
- It was highlighted that hopes for our next commission include diversity, experience with volunteering and an ability to work with people in a peaceful manner.
- It was suggested to hold the AAC meetings more often. Clerks and the new commission would need to discuss this.

6.7 Request for presentation by Together in Dance – Monika Ciolek

- Together in Dance is asking to present twice to AAC. The first time, to present their vision and mission and the second time in regard to a multicultural dance festival.

MOVED: Councillor Farr

SECOND: Christine Braun

That: Together in Dance be invited to present to the first available meeting of the 2019-2023 AAC.

CARRIED

7. MOTION

7.1 Peter Malysewich's resignation.

MOVED: Kyle Skinner

SECOND: Patricia LeClair

That: The resignation of Peter Malysewich be accepted

CARRIED

None Other

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

MOVED: Kyle Skinner

SECOND: Christine Braun

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

