



MINUTES 21-002
ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION
March 23rd, 2021
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
WebEx – Virtual Platform

Chair: Annette Paiement

Recorder: Lauren Anastasi

Present: Monika Ciolek, Janna Malseed, Eileen Reilly, Elizabeth Jayne Cardno, Lisa LaRocca, Councillor Danko, Ken Coit (Staff), Carrie Brooks-Joiner (Staff)

Absent with Regrets: Monolina Bhattacharyya-Ray, Ranil Sonnadara, Councillor Farr

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Request made by Annette Paiement to add Item 13.2 an update on Steve Parton at (former member of AAC).

MOVED: Janna Malseed

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

That the agenda of today's as amended meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLERATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Approval of Minutes January 26th, 2021

No changes to the minutes were required.

MOVED: Lisa La Rocca

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

That the meeting minutes of January 26th, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 Communication re Advisory Committees and Citizen Committee Reports from City Clerk
- 5.2 Communications re All Advisory Committee from City Clerk
- 5.3 Communications re: Revised Procedural By-law from City Clerk
- 5.4 Communication re: Volunteer Patient Experience from St. Joseph's Healthcare

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Hamilton Arts Council to Update AAC on HAMSTR initiative

MOVED: Eileen Reilly

SECOND: Elizabeth Jayne Cardno

That the virtual delegation request from AAC for David Hudson, regarding an update about the HAMSTR initiative be accepted and added as item 8.1. to this agenda.

CARRIED

7. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

- 8.1 David Hudson from Hamilton Arts Council.

The Hamilton Arts Council was successful in grant applications for funding the HAMSTR Initiative. Jessica Vinluan has been hired as Outreach & Communications Coordinator to lead the initiative. Goal is to have the full website available for community profiles by December 2021.

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 9.1 Hamilton Arts Awards Update – Ken Coit

AAC Commissionaires Eileen Reilly and Monika Ciolek attended jury orientation for the Hamilton Arts Awards. The short-listing process and

final adjudication of awards will take place in April. The event is being planned as an on-line presentation due to COVID public health requirements. A pre-Arts Awards video will be released the week before the June event as promotion.

9.2 Public Art Update – Ken Coit

Century Street Parkette public art project jury has shortlisted six proposals. The artists are currently developing detailed stage 2 proposals. It is anticipated that these will be shared in June for public consultation.

Focus groups to start the public art process for the Locke Street Marker and Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre project are planned for this spring.

The City has applied for a grant through the Healthy Communities Initiative which could be an opportunity for community and temporary art. The grant proposal is for \$230,000 for a Street Art Festival. This will be an outdoor festival meant to be experienced with physical distancing.

9.3 Council Motion Update – Ken Coit

Councillor Danko's and Councillor Farr's motion on the AAC's support of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery recommendations was presented at Council on Feb 10th, 2021 and approved.

9.4 Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery AAC Membership Recommendation Update – Ken Coit

Staff provided a history and current membership criteria to address the following recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery:

3) Create a policy to have a minimum of one third of the seats for Coalition of Black and Racialized Artists members and/or BIPOC representation on the City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Committee at all times. – Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery Report pg. 20

Current statement from the AAC Terms of Reference:

- 1.1 - Membership should represent a balanced range of artistic disciplines that may include but are not limited to: visual arts, literary arts, media arts, theatre arts, music, dance, crafts. Every effort will be made to have membership reflect the diversity of Hamilton's many communities.

The current statement from the AAC Terms of Reference was updated by the AAC last term based on recommendations from the Big Picture Report. Some language developed around equity, diversity and inclusion through the Arts Awards review consultation was discussed in relation to a further update. Staff will consult with Clerks about options for changes and other work around this issue with other committees and will return with an update for the next meeting.

Motion: Janna Malseed

Second: Monika Ciolek

That this item be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 AAC Subcommittee Action Items – Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery Report 2020 next steps.

The AAC subcommittee to review the recommendations of the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery reported on their review of the recommendations specific to Arts and Culture and asked for clarifications and updates from Carrie Brooks-Joiner, Director of Tourism and Culture.

The importance of cultural events in economic recovery were highlighted.

Director Brooks-Joiner noted that there is one last meeting for the task force planned for April. It is anticipated that it will dissolve afterward as it will have fulfilled its mandate. A report will be going to GIC with community recommendations. A new Economic Development Plan is to be presented to General Issues Committee in April or May. This plan includes many of the task force’s recommendations.

When asked about how the AAC could best support the economic recovery the following 3 areas were suggested:

A) Carry on the work you have done in the past bringing the community together in dialogue in the form of a conference, forum or gathering.

B) We don't have Hamilton specific data (only Provincial data) on the impacts of COVID on the arts, heritage, cultural sector. Potential for a survey, research projects to quantify impacts.

C) Seed money and pilots to further some of the ideas you have short term. Could spark a program with longer sustainability.

Volunteers to form subcommittee to action these suggestions included: Annette Paiement, Elizabeth Jayne Cardno, Lisa La Rocca, Monika Ciolek, Janna Malseed and Eileen Reilly.

That a subcommittee be formed to organize a conference or gathering in hopes of bringing the arts community together in dialogue and collect data on the impacts of COVID in Hamilton.

Motion: Annette Paiement

Second: Eileen Reilly

11. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

13. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Hamilton Arts Organizing – Monika Ciolek

HAO has written a letter to the Mayor to request important issues be raised, a cry for help from artists. Would like to share the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery Report 2020 with HAO.

13.2 Steve Parton Update

Steve Parton was a former member of AAC who had to step down because of his health. He succumbed to his illness. Would like to make note of his contribution to the arts in Hamilton and to music over the years.

That Annette Paiement write a letter on behalf of AAC to Steve Parton's wife to say thank you for his service and contribution to the community.

Motion: Annette Paiement

Second: Lisa La Rocca

CARRIED

13.3 Fair Wages for Musicians

Janna Malseed noted that North America is using Hamilton as an example of what can be done in other cities regarding fair wages for musicians.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: Lisa La Rocca

SECOND: Monika Ciolek

That the Arts Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 5:36pm

CARRIED