



**PUBLIC MINUTES
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 8, 2017, 2:37 p.m.
Committee Room B, Second Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Mr. J. Morgan, Chair
Ms. M. Al-Katib
Ms. J. Borsa
Ms. A. Falihi
Ms. G. Hagblom
Ms. B. Stehwien

ABSENT: Ms. T. Rusnak

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Manager K. Kitchen
Committee Assistant J. Hudson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: B. Stehwien

1. That Item 8.4 be brought forward and considered before adoption of minutes;
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

As per earlier resolution, Item 8.4 was brought forward for consideration:

8.4 Consideration of Outdoor Mendel Sculptures (File No. CK. 4040-1)

Community Development Manager Kitchen provided a verbal report on the matter, that the City has the opportunity to place six Remai-owned sculptures currently located behind the Mendel, to plinths downtown and/or at River Landing; artists are Peter Hide, James Korpan, Clay Ellis,

and Doug Bentham; all but one are Corten steel; some need cleaning, some need conservation.

He introduced Sandra Fraser, Curator of Collections at Remai Modern, who spoke to the Committee and provided background on the proposal, circulated photos and information on the sculptures, and answered questions.

Discussion ensued with regards to ownership and jurisdiction, maintenance, cost, length of term of placement, support for PAAC's vision, and empty plinths - shouldn't be filled just because they are empty. The Committee expressed support for getting the collection out to the public, but preferred only one or two pieces be relocated to River Landing and one potentially remain at the Mendel. The Committee encouraged Ms. Fraser to pursue relocation of the remainder to locations such as schools (including the University), the airport, libraries, civic centres.

Ms. Fraser left the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Moved By: G. Hagblom

1. That feedback regarding the Mendel Sculptures, as captured above, be provided to the Remai Modern; and
2. That an update be provided at the next meeting.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: A. Falihi

That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee held on May 12, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

5.1 PAAC Annual Report - 2015 and 2016 - Final (File No. CK. 175-58)

Chair Morgan presented his final report, previously circulated via email. He requested to present the report to the Standing Policy Committee meeting at which it will be received for referral to Council.

Moved By: G. Hagblom

That the PAAC Annual Report - 2015 and 2016 be submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services to forward to City Council for information.

CARRIED

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. COMMUNICATIONS

8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION - CONTINUED

8.1 Installation of "Soaring" by Moriyuki Kono (File No. CK. 4040-1)

Community Development Manager Kitchen reported the sculpture has been installed at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, in a spot preferred by the artist - outside the main Administration building, in public view yet somewhat sheltered from the elements.

8.2 Commemorative Artwork - "Where Our Paths Cross" (File No. CK. 4040-1)

Community Development Manager Kitchen reported that all approvals are in place, technical reviews complete, contract signed, and first payment issued. He advised the geothermal piece is no longer proceeding, due to cost and site contamination. Install is slated for spring 2018, unveiling on June 21 - National Aboriginal Day.

8.3 Maintenance and Conservation (File No. CK. 4040-1)

Community Development Manager Kitchen updated the Committee on maintenance and conservation work, noting most of the 2017 plan is completed for the year - cleaning and waxing, discolouration and graffiti remediation, and panel replacement - and that two large restoration and repainting projects are coming in 2019.

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8.5 Culture Plan Refresh (File No. CK. 5608-1)

Community Development Manager Kitchen reminded the Committee of the upcoming Culture Plan Refresh taking place at TCU Place on September 21, and outlined the agenda and focus of the event. Committee Assistant Hudson committed to circulating the invite from Administration.

8.6 Placemaker Program (File No. CK. 4040-1)

Community Development Manager Kitchen provided an update on behalf of Landscape Architect J. Epp:

- 2015 program - 66 Physiognomies was selected by Creative Cities Network year in review; will be presented by Arts & Culture Consultant Romero this Fall in Halifax;
- 2016 program - Darren Gown's bison sculpture is fully installed with landscaping in Sutherland - complete; and
- 2017 program - *We Are the River* and *Protector Series* mural are complete - will be paid out upon receipt of project reports; *Camera Obscura* coming up for launch with Nuit Blanche; and *River and Sky* Stallard installation coming along - partnership for wall prep, installation slated for November.

Moved By: A. Falihi

That the verbal reports from Administration, identified as agenda items 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.5 and 8.6, be received as information.

CARRIED

9. 2017 BUDGET (File No. CK. 175-58)

Public Talk, Meeting, Workshop - Barbara Cole, Cole Projects - J. Borsa advised that Ms. Cole's visit will occur November 30 - December 2, 2017 and that a Letter of Agreement has been signed, a portion of which will be distributed to the next meeting to firm up any further details and report publicly the Committee's budget expenditures.

Moved By: B. Stehwien

That the matter be added to the next agenda for further follow-up and discussion.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Mr. J. Morgan, Chair

Ms. J. Hudson, Committee Assistant