

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AFAC) MEETING MINUTES  
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

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Committee Members: B. Brink; R. Brown; M. Evans; D. Tiffany; J. Webb (Meeting Chair); and J. Wexler. Absent: E. Fiss; R. Seyednejad; C. Stringer; P. Tutsch; and Councillor C. Cameron.

Staff: C. Rosta, Events & Festival Manager; D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services; P. Fretz, Business Manager; I. Haras, Parks Planning & Development; L. de Jesus, Recording Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 13, 2019, Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 30, 2019, Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Update**

- D. Tiffany reported that the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) and Community Grants Committee (CGC) have formed a multi-committee subcommittee to adjudicate the 2020 arts, culture and heritage grant applications. This is following the recommendation in the Arts & Culture Facilities Plan to increase grant funding for cultural groups to rent performance, rehearsal, workshop, administration and storage space. The recommended increase is \$25,000 but the District's budget is not approved until approximately March 2020.
- The ACAC are developing their 2020 Work Plan which will include developing a strategic communications plan, developing key performance indicators for the sector, reviewing various bylaws, zoning and District policies that could advance the goals of the Arts & Culture Strategy.
- D. Tiffany is stepping down as the ACAC representative to the AFAC effective January 1, 2020. Sharon Tsangarakis (Habib) will be her replacement. D. Tiffany

thanks the AFAC for the opportunity to be involved and report back between committees.

- D. Niedermayer confirmed that District staff have met with BC Alliance for Arts + Culture regarding SpacefinderBC, an existing rental venue directory. The District will continue to work with the same platform. The District is currently contacting facilities to be added to the database; a marketing campaign will follow.

**Action:** A member requested the list of recent grants recipients; staff will forward the specific link to the District website.

## 5. Review Privately-Owned Site Analysis Findings

- Q. Talbot-Kelly of Cornerstone Planning Group (Cornerstone) provided the committee with a project update. Cornerstone finalized the District-owned and privately-owned site rankings; engaged with consultants regarding cost and realty assessment; and prepared the draft presentation of the arts facilities site identification and feasibility analysis. Cornerstone also met with the Ambleside Dundarave Ratepayers' Association.
- Cornerstone presented the final rankings of the District-owned sites. After a recalculation, the rankings have been updated:

	<b>AFAC Ranking</b>	<b>Cornerstone Ranking</b>
1.	Ambleside Tennis Courts	Ambleside Tennis Courts
2.	Ambleside H Field	Ambleside H Field
3.	West Vancouver Community Centre (Seniors' Activity Centre, Tennis Courts, Gordon House)	John Lawson Park parking lot
4.	Memorial Park	Ambleside south parking lot

- It was recommended that Cornerstone also review gas stations in the Ambleside area. It was determined that the risks associated with developing gas station properties is high and remediation of those sites could be up to eight years.
- The siting options are as follows:

1.	Ambleside Park Tennis Courts	Consolidated facility
2.	Ambleside H Field	Consolidated facility
3.	John Lawson Park parking lot Ambleside Park south parking lot	Community arts and culture facility Art Museum facility
4.	1400 block Marine Drive	Consolidated facility
5.	1600 block Marine Drive	Consolidated facility

- Discussion ensued regarding sea levels versus parking requirements. P. Fretz asked Cornerstone about actual usage of parking stalls in the H Field. I. Haras confirmed that space is being used for the interim for special events (approximately three times a year) and for Ledcor's off-site parking during construction on Bellevue Avenue between 13th and 14th Street.
- B. Haden of Human Studio and working with Cornerstone elaborated further on siting options 1 and 2. Discussions ensued relative to possible challenges such as access, parking and soil and water conditions.

**Action:** B. Haden to provide information regarding the North Vancouver Art Museum.

Staff will obtain information from the Engineering Department regarding servicing costs.

R. Brown left the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and did not return. As his departure resulted in loss of quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Certified Correct:

  
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Co-Chair

  
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Committee Clerk