

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAAC) MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021**

Committee Members: P. Azarm Motamedi; E. Fiss (Chair); P. Kiss; B. Kaiser; N. von Meyenfeldt; P. Patkau and Councillor S. Thompson. Absent: S. Michener.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services and Recording Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded:

WHEREAS the February 5, 2021 Order of the Provincial Health Officer on Gatherings and Events ("order") prohibits members of the public from attending committee meetings in-person until the order is rescinded or replaced;

WHEREAS the District of West Vancouver is required to prohibit in-person attendance at committee meetings pursuant to the order; and

WHEREAS the District of West Vancouver has enabled public participation at committee meetings via electronic means to ensure openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability, including via the use of electronic communication facilities (video-conferencing software) for public participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 17, 2021 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be held without in-person public attendance.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 17, 2021, Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The February 10, 2021, Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes were adopted at the March 10, 2021 PAAC meeting before the meeting was rescheduled due to technical difficulties.

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Develop Long-Term Strategic Plan for Public Art

E. Fiss led a brief presentation with an overview of types of public art plans such as Strategic Policy Plan, Master or Local Area Public Art Plan and public art plans for specific public art projects. Various examples of public art plans or programs were

shown from Vancouver, Toronto, North Vancouver, Richmond, Surrey, Mississauga, Oshawa, and, a specific location plan for St. George's School in Vancouver.

The District has a Public Art Policy and Procedures as well as a Public Art Reserve Fund Bylaw but no master plan for public art that outlines a longer-term plan for public art and prioritizes locations or projects.

Members also discussed identifying and listing "Local Community Treasures" on the District's public art website page. This would showcase artists who live in the community working on projects and commissioning art nationally and globally while remaining relatively unknown to residents. It would be a simple and low-cost initiative that the PAAC could achieve to raise awareness of public art.

The contribution to the Public Art Reserve from development and redevelopment applications was also discussed along with how Community Amenity Contributions (CAC's) are allocated. Councillor S. Thompson noted that the Finance Committee will be bringing a new proposed CAC Policy to Council which includes reference to public art.

Action:

- Councillor S. Thompson to inform the PAAC on the Council meeting date so the members can read the Council report prior to the Council meeting.
- Staff to set-up an informal gathering for members to explore ideas for 1-3 priority initiatives such as the Community Treasures and long-term public art plan that the PAAC will focus on in their 2021 work schedule.

5. Meetings with District Senior Staff in Other Departments – Discussion

One of the action items in the Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023) and in the Cultural Services annual work plan is to increase collaboration with other District Divisions: Parks, Engineering, Planning, Communications, Community Services, etc. Currently, staff works very closely with Parks and Community Services and more frequent communication and synergies could still be achieved with other Divisions.

The PAAC understands that it is possible to invite a senior member of staff from any Division to a PAAC meeting if a need arises for projects, financial, long-term planning, or communications initiatives.

6. Update on Current Public Art Projects

- a) **Navy Jack Park (21st & Argyle) and Weston Park (22nd & Argyle)** have been or are being refurbished with new staircases to the Seawalk, hand railings and benches. Part of the budget for these projects includes a contribution to a public art element. The little "parks" are too small for a single substantial piece of art and therefore design elements are recommended for the hand railing (Navy Jack Park) and gate (at Weston Park).

Action:

- Staff to set-up Doodle poll for interested PAAC members to meet with Carolyn Kennedy from Parks to discuss public art at these small parks.

- b) **Brent Comber – Small Worlds** at WV Community Centre: Communications Department has finalized a communications plan for social media and the District website which will create awareness and excitement about Brent's progress on finishing the pieces.
- c) **Dialogue Marble Sculptures** in front of the Music Box will be cleaned within the next 10-14 days.

Members suggested that signage indicating upcoming projects and/or work on existing projects would also be a way to increase awareness particularly in high-traffic areas such as the Seawalk, Community Centre etc.

Action:

- Staff to connect with Communications Department on signage.

7. Other Business

E. Fiss to invite Lori Phillips, North Vancouver Recreation Commission Public Art Officer, to the April PAAC meeting to discuss North Vancouver's public art program and policy, how it has developed in her tenure, opportunities and challenges, etc.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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There were no questions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 17, 2021, Public Art Advisory Committee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Co-Chair



Committee Clerk

