

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KLEE WYCK SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PACIFIC ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

Committee Members: R. Brown; M. Evans; J. Webb; and Dr. R. Smith as Advisor.

Staff: C. Rosta, Events & Festival Manager; D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services; and L. de Jesus, Recording Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 25, 2019, Klee Wyck Subcommittee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

REPORTS / ITEMS

3. Introductions

Introductions were made of each committee member. Dr. R. Smith, a relative of the late Dr. Ethlyn Trapp, joined the meeting by phone and will be acting as an advisor to the subcommittee.

4. Selection of a Chair

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Klee Wyck Subcommittee select Jennifer Webb as Chair.

CARRIED

5. Review of the Klee Wyck Site

Copies of background information regarding Klee Wyck site were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

Discussions ensued regarding the current condition of the houses on the site previously used by arts and culture groups for programming and administrative spaces.

Action: Staff to:

- confirm if a hazardous materials report and/or a feasibility study has been completed;
- obtain information regarding timeline and process of taking a building structure down, including costs; and
- confirm what other reports have been done related to the buildings.

6. Process for Developing Short- and Long-Term Plans

- Currently, the site is being used as a park and is on the Community Heritage [Register](#). Discussions ensued relative to possible short- and long-term plans for the site. Issues regarding parking, lighting and security were also discussed.
- The greenhouses are currently being used by the District of West Vancouver (District) for seasonal plants for West Vancouver. A staff member from the Parks Department needs to be included in further discussions surrounding the greenhouses. D. Henegar, the District's Park Maintenance Manager, will be joining the subcommittee meetings moving forward.
- In the short-term, the site may undergo park enhancements to increase park use.
- Dr. Smith expressed opinion that plans for the site should consider sustainability and ongoing resource capability. Discussion held surrounding Dr. E. Trapp's commitment to arts and culture and consideration of this in a future plan.

Action: Staff to:

- provide a site survey; information on geological conditions and potential issues with slope and river setback; and ownership of the site;
- provide a map of Brothers Creek relative to the site;
- connect with Translink regarding a bus stop closer to the site (this will increase visibility and usage);
- confirm what elements at the site can be repurposed; and
- identify riparian zone.

7. Next Meeting

R. Brown to facilitate a blue sky session in three different scenarios: short (6 to 12 months), mid- and long-term uses.

The subcommittee will schedule a tour of the site followed by a meeting at Municipal Hall.

Action: Dr. Smith and R. Brown will have a further discussion by telephone.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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C. Hunter commented that if the site is being considered as a "nature centre" then that should take into account the plans being considered for the Navy Jack property. Staff confirmed that the future of the Navy Jack house is currently in the community consultation phase and plans for that location have yet to be determined.

C. Hunter suggested that an Indigenous language centre be considered. There are also funding opportunities that may be available through the federal government.

B. Chaworth-Musters asked for clarification on what the deed states. Dr. Smith stated that uses for language, cultural, nature, park could be explored as long as a component of the arts is included.

U. Kummel stated that the District's Klee Wyck proposal in 2015 which involved a farm and nursery was not opposed by residents. The site could remain a natural asset and include arts and culture workshop activities.

An unnamed member of the public asked whether the District is considering selling the site. Staff confirmed that the District does not have plans to sell.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 25, 2019, Klee Wyck Subcommittee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair 

Committee Clerk 