

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KLEE WYCK SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PACIFIC ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 13, 2020, Klee Wyck Subcommittee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 16, 2019, Klee Wyck Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Development of Short, Mid and Long-term Opportunities

- The committee had a roundtable discussion providing comments from the Blue Sky Session held at the last meeting (December 16, 2019). The Blue Sky session explored opportunities for short, medium and long term uses of the Klee Wyck site. Short term – within 12 months; medium term – one to three years; and long term – three years plus.
- R. Smith would like to see a plan that establishes a shorter mid term project that would progress to a long term solution, with emphasis on sustainability. Her long-term preference is a multi-faceted arts facility that would have additional services to allow it to be sustainable and can provide ongoing funding.
- R. Brown had no particular concerns about short and mid term opportunities brought up at the previous meeting and would like to know the next steps to formalize the opportunities.

- J. Webb thought the session was helpful and well presented and facilitated by B. Haden of Human Studio.
- Discussions ensued relative to consensus on direction and preference of what can be done to improve the property in the shorter term. Short term could be defined as 10 to 12 months, or even up to three years depending if structures are involved.
- The committee further discussed program opportunities for the Klee Wyck site, as well as how to assess community interest for future use opportunities. It was suggested to engage a landscape architect to develop a site plan to layout how the site uses can be included on the property.
- The Arts Facilities Plan, a comprehensive needs assessment completed in June 2019, did not indicate a need to put an arts and culture facility at Klee Wyck but rather at Ambleside. The assessment identified the need for workshop space. Artists' residences were not identified as a high need through the 2019 planning process and further study is required.
- C. Rosta confirmed that a feasibility study was done on the existing building on the site and it was determined it is not salvageable for renovation or restoration.
- The committee discussed opportunities not considered at this time such as a skateboard park, tennis court or basketball court. The site is ideal as a contemplative and flexible space. The committee requires further discussions to ascertain mid term opportunities.

Action: District Staff to obtain the following information:

- Determine a public process for gathering information on community interest and need for use of the site
- How potential vandalism is and will be managed by the WVPD and Parks Department
- Retain quotes to establish required timeline and budget to:
 - retain a landscape architect to develop a site area plan indicating a variety of possible short term program options such as interpretive signage and community garden options for the site
 - remove the unoccupied existing building(s)
 - retain two poly tunnel greenhouses and remove all other existing greenhouses
 - move the remaining two poly tunnel greenhouses to the west side of the property to enhance access and clear space for future use of the site

5. Other Business

No other business discussed.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Monday, February 10 at 3 p.m. in the Pacific Room, Municipal Hall.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

C. Hunter provided comments regarding use of the site for Indigenous research; a vision of a research retreat on an academic level with possible university backing and federal funding. He provided a copy of an outline to C. Rosta. He asked that this proposal be considered.

B. Chaworth-Musters suggested that C. Hunter's proposal is much broader than community use.

B. Musters inquired about the caregiver's house and studio. Staff replied that it will be part of the long term discussions.

Action: Staff to confirm the arrangement with the caregiver.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 13, 2020, Klee Wyck Subcommittee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair 

Committee Clerk 