

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAAC) MEETING MINUTES
MUSIC BOX, 1564 ARGYLE AVENUE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

Committee Members: J. Carruthers; E. Fiss; P. Kiss; S. Michener; D. Morton (Meeting Chair); C. Creed; D. Vaughan; and Councillor S. Thompson. Absent: P. Patkau.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 12, 2020, Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 11, 2019, Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Welcome New/Returning Committee Members

All current members of the committee were reappointed by Council in December 2019 and there are no new members to the committee.

5. Vancouver Biennale Proposal – Message in a Bottle – Follow up

Natalia Lebedinskaia, Sammi Wei and artist, E Chen from Vancouver Biennale (Biennale) attended to provide additional information and answer questions on the Message in a Bottle proposal.

The revised proposal places the Bottle out of the water and in Ambleside Park to address concerns regarding damage from storms that could occur if the Bottle was placed in the water. Other discussion ensued regarding the use of plastic for the Bottle and how the community would respond to this and the additional cost for using recycled plastic; how to deal with graffiti, concerns regarding the access hatch for maintenance and safety issues; requirements for Engineering permits; additional ongoing costs for maintenance.

S. Thompson reminded the members that the Ambleside Waterfront Plan is still underway but that a temporary piece could be accommodated before final plans are completed. Other points to address if a recommendation to Council is made include: exact costs to the District for fabrication, staffing, land preparation, any maintenance, access and safety, and results of community input.

Biennale reminded the committee that the cost to the District would be \$125,000 for fabrication and landscaping costs. Biennale would be responsible for costs related to installation and maintenance for the first two years until it is decided if the piece is to be installed permanently or returned to Biennale.

Ideally Biennale would like a response from the PAAC as soon as possible if the Message in a Bottle project launches for the June 2020 Biennale and can take advantage of the media exposure and additional Biennale programming.

The PAAC members did not think that this project would be ready to be launched by June 2020 given the additional information required before any Council recommendation could be made. However, the members were still interested in the concept and further exploration.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Public Art Advisory Committee continues to engage with Vancouver Biennale on the Message in a Bottle project.

CARRIED

Action:

- Staff to follow-up with Biennale on receiving a draft legal agreement for the project partnership as well as detailed breakdown of technical specifications and requirements, permits required, budget for entire project and exact costs for the District.
- Staff to connect with I. Haras, Parks to outline proposed project and discuss potential sites that could accommodate the project.
- P. Kiss, C. Creed and P. Patkau to follow-up on identifying potential sites.

6. Selection of Chair/Co-Chairs

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT P. Kiss and D. Morton be elected as Co-Chairs for 2020.

CARRIED

7. Meeting Dates for 2020

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the 2020 schedule of the Public Art Advisory Committee meetings be adopted as the second Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

CARRIED

8. Schedule Meeting with Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Tabled to next meeting to confirm a date to meet with the ACAC either April 7, May 5 or June 2.

9. Update on Public Art at Municipal Hall and West Vancouver Community Centre

- Public art at Municipal Hall: I. Gallant is currently fabricating the pieces for the artwork.
- Selection Panel for public art at WV Community Centre is meeting on Tuesday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. to interview shortlisted artists. PAAC members are invited to this closed meeting.

10. Other Business

- Council Committees Training with Legislative Services for Committee Chairs and committee members interested in learning about how to manage meetings is on March 2nd at 10:00a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP if available to attend.
- North Shore Cultural Mapping Project public launch is scheduled for March 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Polygon Gallery in North Vancouver. PAAC members invited to attend.
- E. Fiss requested that a discussion on temporary public art installations be added to a future meeting agenda.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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There were no questions. S. Tsangarakis (Habib) voiced support for the Message in a Bottle project.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 12, 2020, Public Art Advisory Committee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Certified Correct:



 Co-Chair



 Committee Clerk