



Public Art Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Video Conference Call, 7:00pm

PRESENT: Bill Beamish
Ashley Sager
Diana Robertson
Ann-Marie Brown
Siobhan Smith
Bodhi Drope
Stewart Stinson

STAFF: Emanuel Machado

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTES

Review of the May 27, 2020 Minutes

- Bill reported that he has updated the Draft PA Inventory by adding information about Jack Harman and Anna Hanson provided by Diane.
- Bill has also added details of ownership to the Draft PA Inventory.
- CAO Machado reported that details of the Winegarden Park plans are on the Town website and they mostly impact the boundary area with the proposed George Hotel. Changes will not be made to the park until the George Hotel is constructed.
- Bodhi as completed an investigation of the mural in Winegarden Park.

UPDATE

Winegarden Park Mural – Bodhi Drope

- Bodhi reported on his investigation of the mural and referenced the two emails sent on June 8 and June 9 which discuss the condition of the mural and options for its replacement. He was assisted by a local cement contractor (Dennis Turene) and the conclusion is that the wall is unsuitable for painting a mural on and that it needs to be further assessed and repaired by the Town.
- It was also agreed that the mural in its current state should be removed or painted over so as to not give the impression of neglect.

Moved by Smith
Seconded by Robertson

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Gibsons Public Art Advisory Committee recommend Council direct staff to investigate the condition of the concrete wall below the bus stop at Winegarden Park and determine if repairs are required and if the mural should be removed and/or painted over.

CARRIED

POLICY

Public Art Policy

The following information was received, presented and discussed:

- E-mail dated June 8, 2020 from Bodhi titled Public Art in Public Spaces;
- E-mail from Ashley – What is Public Art – Discussion Points;
- E-mail from Diane – What is Public Art/Public Art Funding;
- E-mail from Ann-Marie – Direct Purchase Program, City of Ottawa Example
- Article forwarded by Bill – ‘Conservation of Contemporary Public Art’, The Getty Conservation Institute.

On conclusion of the discussion of these items it was agreed that Bill will pull together an updated draft of the Gibsons Public Art Policy for consideration and discussion at the next GPAAC meeting.

DISCUSSION

- Stewart asked a question about how community values and culture can be reflected in decisions about public art. Also the question of performance as public art was discussed.
- Bill referred the Committee to the Getty Article which states, “Our public spaces are critical to a civic life that honors and celebrates our humanity and history and responds to cultural and political changes. Residents and visitors – diverse in culture, age and interests – seek the freedom to move about and use public spaces spontaneously and for a wide range of purposes.” Bill will consider this in the draft amendments to the Town Public Art Policy.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Arts Advisory Committee to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Gibsons Public Art Gallery at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.