

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING **Cultural Advisory Committee (CAC)**

DATE September 24, 2013

LOCATION City Hall Meeting Room D
TIME 5:00-6:30pm

PRESENT Sally Wismer (Chair), Reinhard Kypke, Anu Saxena, Laurel McKellar, J.C. Blokhuis
Astero Kalogeropoulos (City staff), Ella Pauls (City staff)
Stephanie Wesley (City staff-Recording Secretary)

REGRETS Greg Pinks, Ron East,
Colleen Clack (City staff)

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1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Sally Wismer, acting chair, welcomed everyone. Sally welcomed J.C. Blokhuis to his first meeting with the committee. Astero advised that committee members Lynn Broughton and Gillian Veitch have stepped down due to conflicts. These vacancies will be posted the end of October 2013.</p>
2	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
3	<p>Approval of Minutes of the May 23, 2013 Meeting Moved by Anu Saxena, seconded Laurel McKellar,</p> <p>“THAT the minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting be approved.” Carried.</p>
4	<p>Cultural Development overview – Ella Pauls</p> <p>Ella provided an overview of the work being done by Cultural Development. While facility operations and program development at River Run Centre and Guelph Museums continue to be a central focus for the department, several new initiatives have been launched in the past few years to further enhance the growth of arts and culture in Guelph. These include expanding the public art program, animating public space through</p>

	<p>Market Square programming and coordination of Culture Days, developing community artists through artist residencies and youth mentorship programs, creating new resources such as the Culture Map, strengthening capacity and engaging the community through opportunities such as the Culture Connections conference.</p> <p>Astero, Ella and Colleen will be taking part as panellists in the Musagetes Guelph Café, September 25-28, 2013.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Public Art Committee Report Sally reported that the Public Art Committee has selected a Public Art Selection Panel for the Guelph Civic Precinct Art Project. The Selection Panel met on August 21, 2013 to review the submissions received in response to the City’s Request for Qualifications (13-057). The artists shortlisted through this process have now been invited to submit formal proposals by October 31, 2013. The jury will make its final decision in November 2013. The art work is to incorporate the area from the Transit Hub to the Guelph Farmers’ Market.</p> <p>Sally reported that the Public Art Committee has received and accepted a proposal for a public art donation. The artwork is a statue of John McCrae by Canadian sculptor Ruth Abernathy, which will be placed on the Guelph Civic Museum grounds, as requested by the donor group. The committee has also accepted a request for a temporary art piece to activate St. George’s Square. Fluxus Garden is now on display in St. George’s Square.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Community Engagement Subcommittee report Laurel reported that the Community Engagement subcommittee met in July and September to brainstorm ideas for content and format of the Cultural Advisory Committee’s first community conversation event.</p> <p>The subcommittee proposes that the event be held in early November and that invitations are extended to community cultural organizations. Participants will be invited to provide input on their organizational capacity building needs and help shape the agenda for a cultural conference proposed for next Fall.</p> <p>The subcommittee will meet again in mid-October to finalize event details.</p> <p>Moved by JC Blokhuis and seconded by Laurel McKellar;</p> <p>“THAT the Committee move forward with the planning of the proposed</p>

	<p>community engagement event.” Carried</p> <p>Astero will circulate the event date and agenda when they have been confirmed.</p>
7	<p>Information Items 7.1 Upcoming Community events The Musagetes Guelph Café event runs from September 25 to 28, 2013. Committee members are encouraged to attend and gather information.</p> <p>Cultural Days weekend is September 27–29, 2013. Astero advised that volunteers are needed for St. George’s Square on Friday night from 5 to 10PM to help with sewing of bunting and on Saturday, from 10AM to 4PM to help with the hands-on art activity. Other activities include three dance performances at Market Square on September 27, a Kitchen Party Ceili at the Guelph Civic Museum on September 27, and a River Run Centre Open House on September 29. There are also many other events happening throughout the community. Astero report that this is the greatest number of events in the four years that the city has been involved in Cultural Days.</p> <p>Astero advised she had updated the event calendar on the Google Group for events between now and December. If there are any other events, please add them to the calendar.</p>
8	<p>Next meeting Tuesday November 19, 2013</p>
9	<p>Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM</p>