



MINUTES
Corporation of the City of Cambridge
COMMITTEE NAME
No. 01-21

Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Committee Members in Attendance:

Members Absent: Nicholas Ermeta, Owen Dick, Eldon Morris

Staff Members in Attendance: Wanda Schaefer, Bradley Southam, Anne Bordeleau, Thomas Sandor, Sue Sturdy, Dylan Elliott, Cristina Hovey

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held on Zoom in Cambridge, Ontario. Bradley Southam welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

There was no disclosure of interest.

Approval of March 12, 2020 CACAC Minutes

Motion #1

Moved by: Sue Sturdy

Seconded by: Thomas Sandor

THAT the CACAC minutes of March 12, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

New Business

Sue and Thomas attended the Strategic Plan Focus Group meetings last week and an overview of each meeting was discussed with the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

- Sectors including Trails, Economic Development, Arts and Culture and Cultural Awards all agreed that having a vibrant downtown required the support of each other to finding a macro approach to attaining this in Cambridge.
- The Strategic Plan Committee had unofficially committed to combining the advisory committees more often, to approximately twice a year.
- A prominent discussion topic in these focus groups was: “How can the advisory committee contribute and what can the City do to support the advisory committee to foster a community with heart taking into account our core values”?

Items discussed were:

- Increased feeling of belonging
- Inclusion/welcoming
- Community Well-Being Survey

- Event planning brings vibrancy and artisans to the downtown core areas ie. Winter Illumination, Galt Loves even during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- If each group could focus on 1 or 2 key initiatives, it would be more effective to bringing international and local artisans together and make it easier for Council to support.

- Ideas included placing a piece of commissioned art in the parks and/or streets once a year to get more people into these areas – bench, murals, a signature piece that will help the public to identify us.

- Identify other arts groups to be included such as theatre, dance, etc.

- Propose an actual budget to Council and get approval for the funding for a Cambridge wide initiative project that will include Galt, Hespeler and Preston cores.

- Gather examples of projects/programs that have been successful in Cambridge or other municipalities and replicate it in the core areas.

- Obtain a contact person from the City or other external group that can facilitate this initiative and communicate these ideas via transportation/school infrastructures.

- Make Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) more visible to artist groups and to offer our expertise to decide where funds should be allocated.

- Public and Separate School Boards can contribute by having an annual Art project to be displayed in a public space – boosting positive moral for the students.

- Some discussion took place on the Land acknowledgment wording that the committee may be using going forward in the meetings.

Council Updates

None

City Updates

- City Hall remains with minimal staff onsite. Majority of staff are working from home.
- No facility rentals until September 1.
- Idea Exchange – watch the website for events.
- Arts Guild – No Art Attic for 2021 but will be planning one for 2022. A viewing of an Art Attic video will be presented at the next meeting.
- Cookies and Kids program will continue in 2021.

Other Business

None

Round Table Discussion

- Creative Native Project – Brian trains students to legally fly drones (RPAS) as well as offers assistance in teaching them photography and videography techniques to assist in their projects. Works through Mohawk College in conjunction with Ryerson College. See links:
<https://www.ryerson.ca/news-events/news/2019/11/indigenous-youth-empowered-inspired-by-ryerson-led-creative-native-arts-program/> and [Dragon Air UAS](#)
- Brian will be visiting Antarctica to shoot icebergs in December 2021.
- School of Architecture project “Unwritten Stories” – about diversity and inclusivity will be online at the School Gallery.
- Quilting and 3D Clay printing projects happening at the Waterloo School of Architecture.
- Outdoor event space to become available in July and August that will accommodate up to 100 people in Hespeler and Galt for community groups to utilize.

- The Centre for the Arts had a photo gallery of “Winter City” photographs sent in by the public on display until the end of March.
- The Old Post Office projection – will be receiving a grant to create 2 new shows that will be available for viewing in 2021.
- The Grand River International Film Festival (GRIFF) will run virtually in May featuring 12 films in which people can purchase tickets and view within 48 hours – Neighborhood Magazine will have a list of the films.
- Cambridge Community Players – see their You Tube channel and website for updates.
- ArtsBuildOntario.ca website - have resources about creative spaces, setting up business/management skills to develop creative spaces.
- Cambridge Poppy Project - this is a community art project of Remembrance that will be created using hand-knit and crocheted poppies. The project aims to collect 10,000 poppies to recognize and honor our area veterans and military personnel.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:30p.m. Zoom Link - Live broadcast of meeting.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Thomas Sandor

Seconded by: Sue Sturdy

THAT the Cambridge Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 5:54 p.m.



Chairperson

Bradley Southam



Recording Secretary

Cristina Hovey