MINUTES: Arts Advisory Commission
Tuesday, September 23, 2008 – 5:15 p.m.
The Pearl Company – 16 Steven Street

CHAIR: Patti Randazzo-Beckett MINUTE TAKER: Elizabeth Wakeford

PRESENT: Renee Wetselaar, Patti Randazzo-Beckett, Nancy McKibbin Gray, Gary DePodesta, Josefa Radman, Brian Lane, Karen Logan, Eli Tshibwabwa

Also Present: Gary Santucci, Barbara Milne

REGRETS: Anne McLean

ABSENT: Jahan Zeb

Guest Presentation by:

Gary Santucci and Barbara Milne made a presentation on the history, programming, and issues related to The Pearl Company. Gary identified the primary focus is to educate Councillors and City staff on (1) the importance of the arts sector, (2) its role in the City’s Official Plan and (3) recommendations to create a new zoning classification for arts related businesses.

Action: Gary to forward his proposal for new zoning classification to the AAC.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Approved: Karen Logan Seconded: Brian Lane

That the 09/23/2008 agenda of the Arts Advisory Commission be approved as circulated. CARRIED.
2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 08/26/2008 (attached)

Approved: Renee Wetselaar  Seconded: Gary DePodesta

That the 08/26/2008 minutes of the Arts Advisory Commission be approved as amended with Brian Lane’s name added to REGrets. CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Letter from Bryce Kanbara and Brian Kelly re: East Kiwanis Place

Action: Elizabeth to put together a list of potential questions concerning the public art process for City staff to respond to on October 28th. The list will be circulated to AAC in advance of the meeting for comment.

4.2 2009 Budget Submission & Workplan

Elizabeth provided an update on the status of the 2009 Budget Submission. The submission is moving forward as approved by the Arts Advisory Commission in August 2008.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Workplan Review

Action: Members to review revised workplan

5.2 Hamilton Arts Alliance

No report.

5.3 Community Partnership Program

Elizabeth reported that the deadline for 2009 CPP applications is on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. All applications that are submitted by the deadline will be reviewed for completeness and applicants will be given approximately two weeks to submit missing information.
Action: AAC to choose a date between January 3 - 6 to conduct training and begin evaluation process for 2009 CPP applications.

Action: AAC to choose a date between February 9 - 13 to agree to final scores for CPP applications.

5.4 Arts Awards Sub-Committee - Report

Arts Awards Sub-Committee – Volunteers
Chair - Karen Logan, Recorder - Anne McLean, Nancy McKibbin Gray, Renee Wetselaar, Gary Depodesta, Eli Tshibwabwa, Elizabeth Wakeford

Karen reported that the selection of the adjudication teams is underway and she is asking for names of additional adjudicators and contact information. Karen and Anne will be going to meet with Convention Centre staff to coordinate venue details on Friday, September 23rd. Renee provided an update on the Youth Arts Awards including media promotion for the nomination deadline (October 10th), adjudication and sponsorship.

Action: Amelia from WAHC to provide updated production schedule for the Youth Awards.

5.5 Communications Sub-Committee Report

Communications Sub-Committee – Volunteers

Elizabeth confirmed that arrangements had been made with the Co-chairs and Karen Logan to postpone the AAC presentation to E&CS from October 8th to November 19th. This will give the AAC more time to prepare the PowerPoint presentation in time to meet the deadline to submit to Clerks. The new deadline for Anna’s approval and submission to Clerks is Tuesday, November 4th.

Action: AAC members to send photographs to Karen for the PowerPoint presentation to E&CS.

Action: Elizabeth to send a reminder to AAC members about the date, time and location of the presentation to E&CS.

Action: Set up meeting for Chair(s) to meet with the Mayor (workplan scheduled for March 2008) Renee to follow up with Patti to clarify next steps.
Education Sub-Committee – Volunteers
Patti Randazzo-Beckett, Anne McLean, Josefa Radman, Brian Lane

Patti reported that the Hamilton Arts Alliance has requested to present to the AAC at the October 28th meeting.

Motion: That the Hamilton Arts Alliance be invited to present at the next Arts Advisory Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

Approved: Brian Lane  Seconded: Renee Wetselaar

The Education Sub-Committee is recommending that the Arts Forum is postponed from Fall 2008 until Spring 2009 (March 24, 2009). The Education Sub-committee will meet again on October 21st to discuss.

Action: Elizabeth to attend the next meeting of the Education Sub-committee.

Action: Elizabeth to confirm the time and location for the meeting on October 21st.

Action: Patti to send outline of information/support required from Elizabeth.

Action: Elizabeth to book Anna Bradford for March 24th.

Motion: To support, in principle, the inclusion of arts and culture as a sector in the City’s Official Plan.

Approved: Brian Lane  Seconded: Gary DePodesta

5.7 Policies & Plans

5.7.1 Our Community Culture Project

Action: Report from Elizabeth Wakeford. TABLED.

5.7.2 Art in Public Places Policy

Action: Report from Elizabeth Wakeford. TABLED.

5.7.3 Public Art Master Plan

Action: Report from Elizabeth Wakeford. TABLED.
6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Letter to Dora de Perdery Hunt

**Action:** Elizabeth to draft letter to Dora and to be signed by Renee/Patti. **COMPLETED.**

6.2 Letter to Federal Government re: cuts to Culture and Heritage Granting Programs

**Action:** Renee to circulate relevant background information to AAC members. **COMPLETED.**

**Action:** Elizabeth to discuss protocol for AAC response with Anna Bradford. **COMPLETED.**

Elizabeth reviewed the request with Clerks to confirm protocol. Any letters sent on behalf of the AAC would have to follow the process of approval through Emergency & Community Services Sub-committee.

6.3 Theatre Waterdown & Memorial Hall

**Action:** Theatre Waterdown & Memorial Hall to be added to Business Arising from the Minutes on the next AAC agenda so the Committee can continue to monitor this issue.

6.4 Arts Sectors

6.5 Mayor’s Committee Against Racism

**Motion:** Co-chairs to meet with Mayor’s Committee Against Racism to discuss potential partnerships and collaboration.

**Approved:** Nancy McKibbin Gray  **Seconded:** Renee Wetselaar

**Action:** Renee to contact Mayor’s Committee Against Racism and set up a meeting.

6.6 Letters to the editor – copyright

Brian Lane requested that a letter be sent to the editor of the Hamilton Spectator regarding the Hamilton Spectator’s published article telling readers not to purchase music CDs and DVDs. Such purchases were described as a “waste of money”. The article advises that CDs and DVDs can be easily obtained for free from the library. It was agreed (except Brian) that this issue was outside the scope of the Arts Advisory Commission, and it would not something that the AAC would pursue at this time.
6.7 New members – orientation

**Action:** Elizabeth to coordinate a time for the Co-chairs to meet with the new members before the next AAC meeting on Tuesday, October 28th.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Approved:** Renee Wetselaar  **Seconded:** Josefa Radman

8. **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.** – The Stable at Whitehern Historic House & Garden