Minutes: Arts Advisory Commission  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 – 5:15 p.m.  
Paper Box Studios – 468 Cumberland Avenue

CHAIR: Patti Randazzo-Beckett      MINUTE TAKER: Linda Goessinger

PRESENT: Gary DePodesta, Sky Gilbert, Nancy McKibbin Gray, Brian Lane, Anne Cibola, Josefa Radman, Patti Randanzzo-Beckett,

Also Present: Jeremy Freiburger

REGRETS: Karen Logan, Anne McLean, Ingrid Mayrhofer

ABSENT: Dr. Eli Tshibwabwa, Jahan Zeb

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda amendment: Item 6.4 Arts Awards Sub-Committee Action “SWOT Analysis” be deleted and replaced with “report from Patti Beckett and Rene Wetselaar”

Motion: That the 02/24/2009 agenda of the Arts Advisory Commission be approved as amended.

Approved: Anne Cibola  Seconded: Nancy McKibbin Gray

CARRIED.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 01/27/2009 (attached)

Motion: That the 01/27/2009 minutes of the Arts Advisory Commission be approved as circulated.
Approved: Gary DePodesta  Seconded: Nancy McKibbin Gray

CARRIED


5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 2009 Budget Submission & Workplan
Ken Coit advised that Anna Bradford had indicated that the AAC 2009 budget including $30,000 for new arts awards had been approved by committee. Full council approval is still pending. Ken Coit also advised that the unused funds from the 2008 budget in the amount of approximately $4,700 had been transferred to the reserve fund.

5.2 Theatre Waterdown & Memorial Hall
Standing Item
Action: Ken to Follow-up with Beth Wakeford

5.3 Artistic / Cultural Zoning
The Pearl Factory’s request to waive the rezoning fee for their building was not approved by the Planning and Economic Development Committee. There were concerns that as a private business waiving the fee would have been consider bonusing which is illegal under the Ontario Municipal Act. Al Fletcher, the city planner undertaking the new city wide zoning project has offered to attend the next meeting with his staff to present the zoning project and gain committee input into the issues around cultural zoning and the new official plan.

Action: Ken Coit will invite Al Fletcher of the Planning and Economic Development Department to present at the March AAC meeting.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 Workplan Review
Action: Members to review revised workplan

6.2 Hamilton Arts Alliance
Patti Randazzo-Beckett reported that the arts alliance concerns about the Pearl Factory were already discussed under item 5.3

6.3 Community Partnership Program

Written Update from Beth Wakeford

The deadline for the Culture Division to submit recommendations for scoring and funding to the Finance Department was Friday, February 20th. The scores submitted by the AAC were used to determine appropriate funding in 2009.

At this stage in the approval process, the Grants Sub-Committee (members of Council) has asked staff to present 2009 funding recommendations at a 0% increase over 2008. Staff has also been instructed to prepare a ‘wish list’ of funding recommendations if Council approves funding at a 2% increase.

The staff representative from each funding stream will meet with the Finance Department on March 9th to review and determine the final funding recommendations that will be presented to the Grants Sub-Committee for approval. Final approval by the Grants Sub-Committee is scheduled to take place on April 29th. This will be followed by approval at Audit & Administration Committee and then, finally, Council. The 2009 process should be complete by the middle of May.

The Arts Advisory Commission will be provided with a final list of scores and funding for all applicants once the process is complete.

Action: Ken Coit will discuss with Beth Wakeford the possibility of hold a debriefing meeting.

6.4 Arts Awards Sub-Committee

Arts Awards Sub-Committee – Volunteers

Chair - Karen Logan, Recorder - Anne McLean, Nancy McKibbin Gray, Renee Wetselaar, Gary Depodesta, Eli Tshibwabwa,

Patti Becket and Rene Wetslaar reported on a meeting they had with Anna Bradford and Culture Division Staff to review the Arts Awards and the proposed Arts Forum. Staff had requested that the ACC consider a review the Arts Awards in terms of maximizing their potential in promoting the arts and local artists. They noted that staff had spent over 400 hours in helping the ACC with organizing the Arts Awards in 2008. Staff also requested that the goal of the Arts Forum be better defined.
**Motion:**
That the City of Hamilton Arts Awards be suspended for 2009 and that those resources already dedicated to the awards be used to hire a consultant to undertake a study to review the arts awards program.;
That the study involve consultation with the community, artists, a review of best practices and review of resources in order to recommend objectives and procedures for an improved arts awards program in 2010.;
That the Arts Forum be moved to the fall to the traditional time in November that the Arts Awards take place.; and
That the Arts Awards Committee be disbanded for 2010 and its members spilt between the Education and Communication committees.

**Approved:** Josefa Radman  **Seconded:** Gary DePodesta

**CARRIED**  Brian Lane opposed

**Action:** Ken Coit to confirm budget amount available and to begin outline of Request for Proposal (RFP). AAC members will be asked to volunteer at the next meeting to help with writing RFP.

### 6.5 Communications Sub-Committee

**Arts Forum structure and planning**
The Communications Sub-Committee will focus its work on workplan review, as well as working on planning, structure of the Arts Forum event.

The following AAC members volunteered to sit on the Communications Sub-Committee:
Ann McLean, Renée Wetselaar, Nancy McKibbin Gray, Gary DePodesta, Josefa Radman

**Action:** Coordinate time for meetings and select a chairperson

### 6.6 Education Sub-Committee Report

**Arts Forum Content**
The Education Sub-Committee will focus its work on workplan review as well as working on content for the Art Forum.
The following AAC members volunteered to sit on the
Communications Sub-Committee:
Sky Gilbert, Ann Cibola, Brian Lane, Josefa Radman, Patti Randazzo-Beckett

Action: Coordinate time for meetings and select a chairperson

6.7 Policies & Plans

6.7.1 Our Community Culture Project

Report from Beth Wakeford

Our Community Culture – Phase 1

Anna Bradford, Patti Tombs and AuthentiCITY (consultants) made a presentation to the City’s Senior Management Team (SMT) on January 22nd. The presentation was well received by SMT and provided an outline of the current scope of work for the cultural mapping phase of the Our Community Culture Project (OCC) as well as an outline of policy and plan work to be completed in the next few years.

This first phase of the OCC project (cultural mapping) is on target to be completed in the spring of 2009. The Project Steering Team (including AAC member Renee Wetselaar) will meet to review the baseline mapping and a draft report before the project is completed. Extensive community consultation and verification of the baseline data will take place during the next phase of the project.

6.7.2 Art in Public Places Policy

No policy changes proposed in the near future. Delete from future agendas

6.7.3 Public Art Master Plan

The Public Art Master Plan has been approved by Council. The $250,000 public art funding in the 2009 capital budget has been approved.

Action: Ken Coit will provide updates on specific public art projects as they progress

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Governance
• **Motion:** That the existing executive continue in their positions for an additional year.

  **Approved:** Josefa Radman  **Seconded:** Nancy McKibbin Gray

  **CARRIED**

7.2 **Curatorial Centre**

Renee Wetselaar inquired about the status of the Curatorial Centre Project.

**Action:** Ken Coit to provide a report at the next AAC meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

  **Approved:** Josefa Radman  **Seconded:** Anne Cibola

  **CARRIED**

9. **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.**

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