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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: **Councillors:** D. Screech (Chair), P. Madoff (Vice-Chair), M. Brame, M. Loveless, M. Milne and V. Sanders
 Guests: P. Fleck (Chair), R. Nicholson (Funding Chair) Arts Advisory Council
 Staff: J. Lam and G. Andrews (Recorder)
ABSENT: Councillors A. Dobb and C. Green

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame, that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame, that the Minutes of the March 13, 2013 Arts Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame, that the Minutes of the March 6, 2013 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Screech reported that the Chair, Vice-chair and non-group 1 representatives met to discuss the Arts Service funding structure. Further discussions are being scheduled with the hope of bringing suggested changes to the Arts Committee in the near future.

4. ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Fleck noted that the three newest and recently appointed AAC members were welcomed to the April meeting. The AAC is now at its full complement of 12 members

5. FEBRUARY 2013 IDEA GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lam reviewed his staff report outlining the process undertaken and noting that February was the first deadline of the IDEA grant pilot program's final year. An Arts Advisory Council Funding Committee reviewed the applications with recommendations taken forward to the AAC on April 2. He then summarized the applications noting that 13 applications were received, more than twice the number received at the same deadline in the previous year; 10 applications were recommended for IDEA Grants with a further one contingent upon confirmation of venues and revenues. Two applications were denied.

Mr. Nicholson commented that the program appears to be attracting attention in the community. He further explained that following the completion of the three-year pilot at the May deadline, a review of the program and its effectiveness will begin in June 2013.

Deficiencies of the two denied applications were explained, as to how they did not demonstrate an ability to deliver outcomes within the parameters of the IDEA program. Some clarification regarding one of these organizations was provided during discussion. It was generally agreed that the applications covered a wide variety of focus; it was also believed that the program has been able capture a number of groups which would have participated in now defunct events such as FolkFest.

In response to a question raised regarding an arts-mandated organization's successful application, Mr. Lam clarified that the Project Grants program required an organization to be established for a minimum of six months. The organization in question, having operated for a shorter time period, was ineligible under that program but was eligible under the current IDEA grant criteria. The organization would become eligible under Program Grants, once it reached six or more months of operation. One previous organization, Vox Humana, received an IDEA grant under similar circumstances and subsequently received support through the Project Grant program. Should the IDEA Grant program be continued, it was agreed that the Committee may wish to consider excluding arts-mandated organizations, or establishing alternatives for start-up funding, if demand by arts organizations for IDEA funding were to become excessive.

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Madoff, that the IDEA grant recommendations be approved as presented, with a total funding amount of \$19,500 to be distributed.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Madoff, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

CARRIED

Committee members will be advised as to the necessity of a meeting in May.

Chair