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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, March 12, 2014 in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

PRESENT: **Councillors:** D. Screech (Chair), P. Madoff (Vice-Chair), V. Sanders, C. Green, M. Milne
 Guests: R. Nicholson, M. Sing
 Staff: J. Lam, S. Bligh (Recorder)

ABSENT: Councillors M. Brame, M. Loveless, A Dobb

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

1. **AGENDA**

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Green that, subject to a change in the order, the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. **AAC JANUARY 2014 PROJECT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

J. Lam summarized his staff report noting that 18 of 21 applicants were recommended for funding in the aggregate amount of \$77,495. Three applications were not recommended for support including one that was recommended to IDEA grants.

R. Nicholson, Funding Chair of the Arts Advisory Council, noted that there were 3 large projects that were awarded funding in the \$7,000 - \$15,000 range and that there were more mid-sized grants this year than there were smaller grants. The full amount of grant request was awarded to four organizations, including the Shakespeare Festival which received a slight increase in recommended support than at their previous project grant application.

There was a request that the Arts Advisory Council include more in-depth disclosure under the comment section as to what the considerations were in determining funding.

MOVED by Councillor Milne **SECONDED** by Councillor Madoff that the recommendations from the Arts Advisory Council Funding Committee for January 2014 Project Grants in the amount of \$77,495 be approved.

CARRIED

3. **MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Green that the Minutes of the February 12, 2014 Arts Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Green that the Minutes of the February 4, 2014 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no Chair's Report tabled.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

P. Madoff followed up on a previous discussion as to the need to create a special funding allocation for “regionally significant events” where one specific event, the Symphony Splash, was discussed. The Committee revisited the issues about what constitutes a “regionally significant event” and the availability of funding and agreed that no actions could be taken at this time. J. Lam and D. Screech will prepare a response to the Victoria Symphony as to the outcome of this discussion.

J. Lam briefly updated the committee on informal discussions with CRD staff with respect to the creation of a public art policy.

6. CORRESPONDENCE**6.1 Lansdowne Middle School**

MOVED by Councillor Green **SECONDED** by Councillor Madoff that the correspondence from Lansdowne Middle School be received.

CARRIED**6.2 Victoria Symphony**

MOVED by Councillor Milne **SECONDED** by Councillor Madoff that the correspondence from the Victoria Symphony be received.

7. New Business

There was no new business brought before the meeting.

8. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Sanders, that the Committee close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter*, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual(s) who is being considered for a position appointed by the Committee; and (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED**9. RISE AND REPORT**

The Committee reported on the following:

- Jerry Carson, Thomas Kouk, Randy Nicholson, and Lara Tomaszewska were reappointed to the Arts Advisory Council for two year terms ending March 2016.
- Aimee Ippersiel, Patti Sullivan and Diane Thorpe were reappointed to the Arts Advisory Council for three year terms ending March 2017.
- Colin Plant was appointed to the Arts Advisory Council for an initial one year term ending March 2015.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED by Councillor Green **SECONDED** by Councillor Sanders, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair