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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 4:30 pm in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Present Councillors: D. Screech (Chair), C. Plant, B. Fallot, M. Brame, K. Roessingh, P. Madoff
Regrets: T. Ney, K. Kahakauwila
Guests: M. Sing, and P. Sullivan, Arts Advisory Council; D. Jarvis, Pro-Art Alliance
Staff: J. Lam, Manager, CRD Arts Development, S. Bligh, Recorder

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Arts Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the Minutes of the May 5, 2015 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Screech referred to correspondence recently received from Blue Bridge Repertory Theatre.

Chair Screech and Councillor Plant met with Doug Jarvis (Pro-Art Alliance), Patrick Corrigan (Pacific Opera Victoria), and Ian Case (Farquhar Auditorium – UVIC) to discuss the Arts Service and how their groups could potentially help to raise the profile and the benefits of the Arts Service.

4. ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

M. Sing noted that the Arts Advisory Council will remove the interview component of the operating grant adjudication process on a trial basis, as the new format is expected to enable clearer responses to questions related to the evaluation criteria.

Councillor Roessingh left the meeting at 4:35 due to a potential conflict.

5. 2015 MAY IDEA GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

J. Lam spoke to the staff report recommending the May 2015 IDEA grants. Seven applications were received by the deadline. All were recommended for grants totaling \$13,200. Including the February IDEA grant disbursement of \$12,000, a total of \$25,200 will be disbursed from the 2015 IDEA grant fund leaving the remaining \$9,800 in the reserve fund.

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the May 2015 IDEA Grants for an amount totaling \$13,200 be approved as recommended by the Arts Advisory Council.

CARRIED

6 2015 PROJECT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

J. Lam discussed the tabled report recommending May 2015 Project Grants. Of the 18 applications received by the grant deadline, 14 grants are recommended for funding which will result in the disbursement of the remaining \$66,000 from the 2015 Project Grant budget.

A discussion ensued requesting clarification on the decision making process with respect to William Head on Stage and Blue Bridge Repertory Theatre (Blue Bridge).

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the May 2015 Project Grants for an amount totaling \$66,000 be approved as recommended by the Arts Advisory Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Roessingh returned to the meeting at 4:55pm.

A discussion took place relative to providing funds to Blue Bridge Repertory Theatre. J. Lam spoke to the terms and conditions of project grants. P. Sullivan reviewed the process that the Arts Advisory Council went through to get to the recommendation.

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that a one-time \$5,000 discretionary grant be approved to Blue Bridge Repertory Theatre.

CARRIED

Madoff and Fallot **OPPOSED**

7. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES WORK PLAN

J. Lam reviewed the Strategic Priorities work plan report. A discussion ensued relating to the approval of the work plan in principle and the striking of a working group.

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Roessingh that the motion to approve the work plan in principle including the striking of a working group be split into two motions.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Roessingh that the Work Plan in principle be approved and that Staff use the activities related to the development of a

Regional Arts Plan to serve the overall goals of the Arts Service Strategic Work Plan and drive the timing of other work plan actions.

CARRIED

A discussion ensued as to the size and composition of the proposed working group relative to drafting the Terms of Reference.

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Fallot that a working group be struck to include three members of the Arts Committee, three members of the Arts Advisory Council, two members of Pro-Art Alliance and 1 member from each of Victoria, Peninsula, Westshore, and Esquimalt arts councils.

DEFEATED

**Screech, Brame, Roessingh, Madoff
OPPOSED**

MOVED by Councillor Brame **SECONDED** by Councillor Roessingh that a working group be struck to be comprised of five members in total from the Arts Committee and Arts Advisory Council who will prepare draft terms of reference that will subsequently be sent out to community stakeholders for further input and comment.

CARRIED

Councillors Plant and Fallot offered to represent the Arts Committee and P. Sullivan and M. Sing offered to represent the Arts Advisory Council. J. Lam will canvass the other Arts Advisory Council members for a fifth member.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by Councillor Brame **SECONDED** by Councillor Fallot that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

9. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Plant that, with the exception of the Chair of the Arts Advisory Council, the Committee close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a position appointed by the Committee.

CARRIED

10. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

New Business

J. Lam noted that a motion was required in order to transfer the revoked \$27,000 2015 operating grant for Blue Bridge Theatre to the Arts Reserve fund.

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Madoff that the revoked operating grant of \$27,000 to Blue Bridge Repertory Theatre be transferred to the Arts reserve fund.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Brame **SECONDED** by Councillor Madoff that the meeting be adjourned at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

Chair