

Memo



Date: March 10, 2010
File: 1340-40
To: City Manager
From: Planner Specialist
Subject: Proposed Appointments to Public Art Committee

Recommendation:

THAT Council approve the appointment of Amanda Parks and Phred Martin to the Public Art Committee for the balance of the term expiring in December, 2011;

Background:

The Terms of Reference for the Public Art Committee provide for a committee of 11 members.

The Committee's term coincides with that of Council, expiring on December 31, 2011. At the beginning of 2009, the following members filled the 11 positions on the Committee:

- Judy Burns, Chairperson
- Elizabeth Balderston, Vice-Chairperson
- Francisco Carreón Argudin
- Kirsti Jarrett
- George Kroker
- Mary Lund
- Jane Everett
- Tracy Satin
- Kristine Bouw
- Sarah Campbell
- Vinicio Delgado

In late 2009, Kristine Bouw and Sarah Campbell resigned from the Committee leaving 2 vacancies. In February, 2010, Vinicio Delgado retired from the Committee leaving a third position vacant.

Two applications of interest in the Public Art Committee were received in 2009 by the City Clerks Office. A request for applications of interest were also advertised in

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the local newspapers on Friday, October 23, 2009. One more application was received in February, 2010.

The Public Art Committee staff liaison reviewed the applications and interviewed all candidates. Two candidates are being recommended for appointment by Council to the Public Art Committee.

Both candidates recommended for the Public Art Committee have strong backgrounds. Each has a history and/or familiarity of the role of cultural initiatives generally, and public art specifically, within the community. As well, Ms. Parks and Mr. Martin have established track records of working collaboratively in a committee format.

The two recommended applicants would bring the Public Art Committee to a contingent of 10 members. The staff liaison will work with the Office of the City Clerk and the department of Community and Media Relations to find a suitable candidate to fill the remaining vacancy.

- Amanda Parks - Amanda is a Public health Coordinator with Interior Health. She has a Master's of Science degree. She has had extensive experience in Cultural Events coordination and the administration of public art programs for Port Moody. (7 years);
- Phred Martin a graphic designer for 23 years. Phred is an active member of the local Art Community.
- The candidates being recommended for appointment are all residents of Kelowna and offer a variety of professional skills which will be beneficial to the work of the Public Art Committee:

A summary of the Public Art Committee's mandate and the terms pertaining to Committee membership is provided as an attachment to this memo.

Existing Policy:

The Public Art Committee submits these recommendations pursuant to its Terms of Reference, Arts & Cultural Policy 274 and Chapter 15 of the Official Community Plan.

Internal Circulation:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/statutory Procedural Requirements:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

Technical Requirements:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Considerations:

Alternate Recommendation:

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Patrick McCormick

Patrick McCormick, Planner Specialist

Approved for inclusion:



CC: Council Services Supervisor
Cultural Services Manager
Director, Community and Media Relations

Attachment

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PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Committee are to work with the community to humanize and animate the urban environment, increase the livability and artistic richness of the community, and stimulate the growth of arts and arts-related businesses, through the provision of public art.

BACKGROUND

Council recognizes that the aesthetic quality of Kelowna's public realm can be enhanced through the provision of works of art in public places and that provision of such works can also increase community identity as well as awareness and appreciation of the arts generally.

Council has therefore established a Public Art Program to acquire art for public display, and deems it appropriate to seek professional and community advice on the disbursement of dedicated funding through the establishment of a Public Art Committee. The Public Art Committee is an Advisory Committee of Council.

The Committee is mandated by its Terms of Reference to determine suitable public spaces and public buildings for public art installations, conduct competitions for the commissioning of public art works, and make recommendations to Council regarding the awarding of public art commissions. In all instances, the final decision regarding any public art commission rests with Council.

Consultations with the public, other interested parties, and with City staff from various departments are frequently a part of the Committee's considerations.

MEMBERSHIP

In order to provide for broad representation from the community, the membership of the Public Art Committee is to be composed of a group of individuals with diverse backgrounds, all with interest in the arts and public art in particular. The membership of the Committee shall be comprised of eleven individuals who reside, are employed, or who own property in Kelowna.

The role of the Public Art Committee is to make recommendations to Council on public art issues and members have a responsibility to make decisions based on the best interests of the community.

APPOINTMENT AND TERM

Members shall be appointed by Council for a three-year term, to run concurrent with the Council term. Council may, at any time, remove any member of the Committee and any member of the Committee may resign at any time upon sending written notice to the Chairperson of the Committee.

Committee members who are absent for three consecutive meetings shall forfeit their appointment, unless such absence is authorized by motion of the Committee.

Committee members may stand for re-appointment at the conclusion of their term.

Members of the Committee shall serve without remuneration.

In the event of a vacancy occurring during a regular term of office, the vacancy may be filled for the remainder of that term upon resolution of Council.

The Committee may appoint sub-committees to deal with any special matters coming within the scope and jurisdiction of the Committee. Any sub-committee so created will report to the Committee.

The Public Art Committee members are appointed by resolution of Council. The appointments are based on the applicant's knowledge of, and genuine interest in art, art practices, and civic enhancement. All committee members serve as volunteers.