

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the Gary Shepherd Hall, Island Park, 102 Derby Street West, Alexandria.

PRESENT: Chair - Carma Williams
Member at Large - Dane Lanken
Member at Large - Nicole Nadeau
Member at Large - Nicole Geoffrion
Member at Large - Jeff Manley
Economic Development Coordinator – Rod Côté

REGRETS: Mayor – Chris McDonell
Member at Large - Karen Davison Wood
Special Events Planner -Tish Nicholson

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of April 23, 2014 be accepted as read.

4. RATIFY THE MINUTES

Moved by: Nicole Nadeau

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

That the minutes of the February 26 and March 26, 2014 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Meeting be adopted.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Jeff Manley said that the Main Street mural is proceeding and that an installation around the first week of May is foreseen. Public Works to install the mural. Tish Nicholson to organize the opening with committee, press, student artists, etc.

6. ALEXANDRIA AND MAXVILLE WALKING TOUR

Rob Merriman, Dale Munro and Gordn Winter to update the Maxville tour, Dane Lanken to update the Alexandria tour. Dane will contact Dale.

7. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The CIP is a multi-year municipal-led plan to improve the look of the historic downtown Main Streets of Alexandria and Maxville. There is the possibility of grants from the Ministry of Rural Affairs. Rod Cote will work with business groups, citizen groups, etc., to collect ideas, which could include facade improvements. There could be tax incentives including phased-in improvement-based tax increases. Dane Lanken noted that the trees planted some years ago on Main Street, Alexandria, have been cut.

8. GROTTO

An email from Dan Gagnon says that the nursing home on whose property the Grotto sits has been sold, require a new round of seeking permission to work on. The Grotto, and thus a delay in restoration. Dane Lanken to contact contractor Keith Kennedy with the bad news.

9. HERITAGE DESIGNATION PROCESS

Some corrections were done to the heritage designation process document; more are needed.

10. THE ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

The committee presentation document has been reviewed and improved. Presentation possible at council meeting of June 9, 2014.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is set for May 28, 2014 at 4:30 pm at Gary Shepherd Hall.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Dane Lanken

Chair – Carma Williams

