

**ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING**

HELD WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2016 AT 1:00PM
CEO BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTRE

1. ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Jade Kudrenko, ASTC (**Chair**)
Steve Anderson, Art Curator Batchelor Institute
David Rilstone, Operations Manager Ross Engineering
Nicole Sarfati, Regional Arts Broker Arts NT
Kim Donald, Visual Artist
Miriam Wallace, Architect, Susan Dugdale and Associates
Ben Fox, Artistic Director Red Hot Arts Central Australia
Bron Field, Central Craft
Greg Buxton, ASTC Director Technical Services
Skye Price, ASTC Director Corporate and Community Services Committee
Leon Tripp, ASTC Community & Cultural Development Manager (**minutes**)
Telly Ociones, ASTC, E/A Corporate and Community Services

2. APOLOGIES:

Mayor Damien Ryan, ASTC
Councillor Paech, ASTC
Councillor Jacinta Price, ASTC
Allison Bitar, Project Officer, Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

The meeting opened at 1:00pm.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

RECOMMENDATION:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of meeting held on 6 July 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceeding of that meeting.

Moved: Steve Anderson
Seconded: David Rilstone

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Public Art Commission – ASTC Chapel

Miriam Wallace sought clarification as to whether Pip McManus' Expression of Interest was one of the art concepts approved by the Committee at the last meeting.

Discussion ensued about the last meeting's discussion that three concepts were originally considered but it dropped down to two as the discussion progressed and then there was confusion about the cost of the art commission.

Miram Wallace would like to put on the record that going ahead with two tree concepts is a dubious idea.

Ben Fox advised that his recollection of the last meeting was confusing and part of that was the discussion about whether there should be one piece of art for \$60,000 or two for \$30,000 each; the brief and process was changing; allocation of operational budget to finalise a detailed project plan.

Leon requested for the Committee to have a firm and official recommendation of each decision made during the meeting to be able to get a clear direction in the future.

Skye Price advised that the Committee's recommendation of Alison Hittmann's concept number 2, *Native Tree Shadow*, should be clearly specified for future reference.

Greg Buxton advised that the Chapel project is to be completed by the 30th of November. The launch might not be until January 2017.

At the last meeting the Committee approved Alison Hittmann's concept 2, *Native Tree Shadow*, and J9 Stanton's concept, *The Weeping Tree*, to proceed with concept development. After further discussion and strong views from the Committee, the Committee agreed to consider Pip McManus' art concept proposal. It is to be noted that only two art pieces of \$30,000 each will be commissioned for the Chapel project.

ACTION:

- A. Leon Tripp to put together a project plan (one-page chart) with milestones to be achieved.
- B. Leon Tripp to send in writing to Elected Members the summary by financial year and line what the totals were and what the final totals with rollovers are for this project.
- C. Developed concepts of the three artists will be presented to the October meeting for the Public Art Advisory Committee to look at.

RECOMMENDATION:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That after further consideration, the Public Art Advisory Committee would like to request further development of Pip McManus' art concept, to the value of \$30,000.

Moved: Councillor Kudrenko

Seconded: Miriam Wallace

4.2 Mosaic Insets – Steve Anderson

Steve Anderson made contact with the Arts Coordinator at Ikuntji Arts and she is still working on the design at this stage.

4.3 Youth Art Projects

The Youth Arts Group Phoney Film Festival was held last Friday at the Alice Springs Cinema. There were 10 entry films. Tales Pizziolo won first prize.

Planning of the Youth Arts and Music (YAM) Festival is in the process and will be held on 24 September, engaging aboriginal kids thru Clontarf. Girls Academy will be contacted.

4.4 ASTC Arts and Cultural Policy

The Policy and Plan have been to Council. Some minor amendments will be made before it goes for public comment for 21 days. The feedback from the public will be consolidated and will be reported to Council.

The launch is anticipated at the end of September.

Councillor Kudrenko is interested to know how Council would engage the two senior custodians, Apmereke-artweye and Kwetungurle, who are specifically referenced on the front page of the ASTC Arts and Cultural Policy and Plan that need to be consulted as the decision makers of Alice Springs.

Discussion ensued.

ACTION:

Leon Tripp to circulate final copy of the document to PAAC members.

4.5 Interpretive Signage

No update to report at this stage.

4.6 ASTC Art Collection Pop-Up Gallery

The Pop-Up Gallery is going for another month, with the intention of a program of activities until the end of December. The Kaye Kessing collection will be mounted in two weeks' time to coincide with the first night markets.

4.7 New Public Art Entrance – Todd Mall

Leon Tripp reported that \$5,000 has been approved at the June Council Committee meeting. These funds will come from the Todd Mall Revitalisation budget line.

RECOMMENDATION:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council engage Sue Dugdale and Associates to do a concept design to the value of \$5,000 for the Todd Mall entrance.

Moved: Steve Anderson

Seconded: Miriam Wallace

Discussion ensued on:

- Removing as much visual pollution as possible to open the view into the space and create a welcoming entrance to the Mall
- Taking into consideration Stage 1 and 2 of the CBD and Mall redevelopment when doing the concept design
- The brief to be developed should include components of what needs to be seen in the entrance and in the context of the 3 stage Masterplan. It may include a public art component
- Overview on why this project was brought to this Committee. This Committee would be a good review panel for this process considering its technical representation and aesthetic expertise

ACTION:

Leon Tripp to develop a brief for the new Todd Mall entrance by next meeting.

4.8 Meeting at the Garden Cemetery

Councillor Kudrenko enquired if it is possible to have the meeting at the Garden Cemetery when the artists present their art concepts.

Leon Tripp advised that it may be difficult without a data projector on site. Miriam Wallace advised that there is no room at the site to have a meeting.

The Committee agreed to visit the Garden Cemetery and check the site at the next meeting on 7 September. The Committee to meet at the front entrance of the cemetery at 12:15pm then back in the Civic Centre for the PAAC meeting at 1:00pm.

4.9 Written Report on Some Agenda Items

Councillor Kudrenko requested, if possible, in future meetings to receive written report rather than verbal report on some items prior to the meeting in addition to the agenda to save time with the discussion.

Skye Price advised that this request will be fulfilled in terms of good governance.

5. **CLOSE:** The meeting closed at 2:15pm.

6. **NEXT MEETING:** **Wednesday, 7 September 2016**
12:15pm visit to the Garden Cemetery site
1:00pm, PAAC meeting, Arunta Room