



**ARTSHALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 20, 2017**

- Present:** Peggy Walt, Acting Chair
Alex Meade
Pamela Lovelace
Dustin Harvey
- Staff:** Jamie MacLellan, Community Developer, Culture & Events
Shari Dillman, Administrative Support, Culture & Events
- Regrets:** Jeremy Banks, Chair
Claire Hodge
- Absent:** Kim Cain

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Committee are available online:

<https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/a-c/artshalifax-advisory-committee>

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 pm and the Committee adjourned at 5:02pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 3:14 pm at the Halifax Regional Municipality – Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Building Boardroom, 88 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

The Acting Chair welcomed members of the Committee and staff in attendance.

Staff announced that on June 28, 2017 Kate Watson submitted her resignation letter stating she is withdrawing from her position on the ArtsHalifax Advisory Committee. The Committee and Staff agreed that if Kate wishes to participate in discussions offline with the upcoming report deadline she is welcome to.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 22, 2017

MOVED by Dustin Harvey, seconded by Peggy Walt

THAT the minutes of June 22, 2017 be approved as distributed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITONS AND DELETIONS

Committee entirety approved agenda with no additions or deletions.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Action items from June 22, 2017 meeting:

ACTION: For next meeting, Committee members were asked to come prepared to brainstorm on primary, secondary and tertiary recommendations, discuss structure of committee, what priorities are, budget, and over sight responsibility of this Committee. **DISCUSSED IN SECTION 8.1.**

ACTION: Committee members bring one wish list item that you would like to see the Committee to achieve. **DISCUSSED IN SECTION 8.2.**

ACTION: Committee to advise staff the documentation they would like posted on the website. **ONGOING**

ACTION: Chair to submit request to the Office of the Municipal Clerks to present to CPED on ArtsHalifax. **ONGOING**

Action items from previous meetings:

ACTION: Committee to submit recommendation report by September 15th, 2017. **ONGOING**

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

7. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 DISCUSS WISHLIST ITEM MEMBERS WANT COMMITTEE TO ACHIEVE

Committee would like to see core funding given for three years.

Whatever the model ArtsHalifax chooses to become, the Committee wants to create value for the artists and to have it clarified who the Committee is serving.

8.2 SHARING OF INFORMATION / IDEAS

Committee member forwarded copy of Halifax Regional Library Board of By-laws to Committee earlier today for review and discussion.

Discussion points:

- the Library is a separation corporation appointed by HRM
- the Library reports to Council
- Library budget is approved by Council
- Library model is transparent and accountable

Committee members suggested ArtsHalifax implement an "idea board" where public can submit their ideas.

Dustin discussed a 'canvas' he prepared and placed on Slack for all Committee members to review. The canvas was to illustrate how ArtsHalifax can meet the needs of the artists.

Committee wants to centralize the artists in the model that is chosen.

Committee discussed HRM's Centre Plan's model and compared to ArtsHalifax. Can ArtsHalifax have a 'centre plan' versus a board as a possible structure?

Staff advised that presently there is a Cultural Plan included in HRM's Regional Plan. The Centre Plan is in regards to specifically the downtown core of HRM. The Centre Plan is the direct result of feedback received through a significant public engagement program, input and guidance from the Community Design Advisory Committee and Regional Council, as well as a strong commitment by the Planning and Development team.

The Centre Plan is heavily staff led, and is very specific in it's purpose. ArtsHalifax, under its current terms of reference, has a broader mandate and less dedicated staff available to assist.

The Art funds are awarded through Council ever year with new funding awarded every year to a different peer jury for review.

8.3 CONNECTING IDEAS WITH POSSIBILITY

What are ArtsHalifax Core values? Committee members want an arms length, independent model that is community led and government informed with one Council representative. The Committee wants the chosen model to be very value driven with the artists at the centre. It is important to include how the report generated by the Committee goes to staff for review, changes are made and the Committee doesn't get the opportunity to view the final report. The Committee wants to be included in each stage of the process.

Staff suggested the Committee needs to create a structure that the Committee wants and is happy with that also passes the administration process.

Using the white board as a visual tool, the Committee listed points they want included in their model:

Core Values	Administration / Operations	Output / Outcome
sustainability	Arms length	governance
independent decision making	3 year funding	administration of funding
diversity / equality / fairness	people resources / infrastructure	investment
artists at centre of cultural ecology	asset & infrastructure	employment
transparency	nourish what we have	training / mentorships
accountability	growing what we need	transparency & accountability

8.4 DETERMINING NEXT STEPS

Alex informed the Committee that he unfortunately does not have enough time he can give the ArtsHalifax Committee and offered to give up his position to another, more deserving individual that may contribute more.

The Chair needs to make some calls to members regarding committee positions to confirm status.

September 15th report deadline is fast approaching. Committee divided amongst the members' present sections of the report to begin working on offline. Committee members will upload material onto Slack for comments from all Committee members on the sections as they are drafted.

9. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee discussed moving next meeting date to August 24, 2017 as two members have a conflict for August 17 scheduled meeting. All Committee members present agreed to change meeting date to August 24, 2017 and keep same time of 3-5pm.

ACTION: Peggy, as Acting Chair to contact Jeremy, Chair to discuss changing meeting date.

ACTION: Shari to book a boardroom for August 24, 2017 proposed meeting.

ACTION: Jamie to send the two reports ArtsHalifax Committee assisted in writing to Committee.

Thursday, August 24, 2017, 3-5pm, Location to be determined.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Shari Dillman
Administrative Support, Culture Events