

CITY OF LONDON
CREATIVE CITIES TASK FORCE
NOTES FROM MEETING 05

Meeting held on December 2, 2004 at 4:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

PRESENT:

Task Force Members: Controller G. Hume (Chair), Councillor J. Bryant, J. Adams, P. Hoffer, C. Kehoe, G. Kerhoulas, J. Nicholson, B. Ohi, M. Sinclair, M. Williamson, J. Winston, R. Wood, L. Zajac
Working Group Members: A. Cohen, T. Adkin, R. Gloor, A. Halwa, D. Harvey, V. Stasiuk, J. White

ALSO PRESENT:

R. Armistead, P. Aziz, J. Bontje, K. Drysdale, J.M. Fleming, S. Keeping, R. Panzer, J. Purser (secretary), T. Johnson,

REGRETS:

Councillor Miller, C. Bryan, J. Glaser

Future Meeting Dates	Controller Hume outlined the task force's regular meeting dates for 2005: January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24. All regular meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. He indicated that the task force has scheduled another public meeting for Saturday, January 22, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., location still to be confirmed.
Focus of Future Meetings	The Chair indicated the focus of the meetings to be held in the first three months of 2005. January meetings to focus on immigration, entrepreneurship and employment. February meetings to focus on the task force's recommendations. March meetings to focus on writing the task force report.
Presentation	A. Halwa, Executive Director of the London Arts Council and CCTF Working Group member demonstrated the new London Arts Council arts and culture information hub. The web site shows information about London's arts calendar, arts organizations, venues and artists.
Public Arts Policy	Controller Hume mentioned the City is drafting a Public Arts Policy and that it might benefit from having some input from a few members of the Creative Cities Task Force. Three members were chosen to participate: C. Kehoe, G. Kerhoulas and J. Nicholson.
Presentation	P. Aziz, artist and painter, spoke to the task force about his experience living in London as a creative, thinking person.
Presentation	J.M. Fleming, Manager, Land Use Planning Policy spoke about the physical form of the City, spaces that inspire creativity and spaces that attract the creative class. He discussed pieces of the creative city puzzle and he suggested tools to consider for the creative public realm, the creative public/private realm and the creative private realm. R. Panzer and J.M. Fleming answered questions from the task force about the preparation of the task force's final report. They recommended the report contain a full set of recommendations with clear objectives but without too much detail. They

suggested the report needs a clear vision and understanding and it should be fair, flexible and achievable and that it would require Official Plan tools to actualize.

J.M. Fleming spoke on the legislation surrounding the heritage designation of buildings and districts.

Discussion

A question was asked whether or not the City could designate an area of the City as an arts district. The response was that it could be accomplished through the Official Plan. Also with incentives and through the community improvement plan process plus through the provision of physical pieces of infrastructure.

Controller Hume proposed the idea of adding an arts & culture policy to the City's Official Plan.

G. Kerhoulas suggested there should be city based incentives to keep heritage buildings from destruction.

J. Adams spoke about the depletion of building stock in the City of London making the city bleaker and causing young professionals to leave because they can no longer find the authentic experience of London. He recommended that London become more aggressive making it a priority to maintain its old building stock.

Controller Hume introduced for discussion the concept of using 1% of capital budgets for public art

Turning the discussion back to the final report of the Creative City Task Force (CCTF), Controller Hume asked the group to consider the tone of the report and how aggressive and definitive it should be. Controller Hume asked R. Panzer and J.M. Fleming to make a list of potential policy issues to include in the CCTF final report.

Next Meetings

December 16, 2004, 4:00 p.m. UWO Grad Club - CCTF social meeting
January 13, 2005, 4:00 p.m. City Hall
January 22, 2005, 10:00 a.m. Public Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.