



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

MICHAEL WRIGHT ART GALLERY, 5PM – 7PM
Gathering Place #200 – 2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam, BC

Attendees: **Carrey Mao** – Kidsclubs.ca, **Jen Chang** – Cutie Circle, **Rodney Stehr** – Encompass Support Services Society, **Rory Erikson** – Recreation Programming Assistant Youth Services Port Coquitlam, **Shermineh Razavifar** – Art Focus, **Alexine Law** – Art Focus, **Christine Malone** – Art Focus, **Pia Longstaffe** – Art Focus, **Roger Loubert** – Friends of Leigh Square Society, **Brad Nickason**, **George Lukach** – Wilson Centre Honeycombs, **Jacob McGill** – PoCo Youth Crew, **Ellie Petrovich** – SD43, **Corrie Archer** – SD43, **Terri Shaw** – Soundwaves Drumming, **Sherry Carroll**, **Carrie Nimmo** – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager, **Nikki Hillman** – Recreation Program Assistant, Arts and Culture, **Zach Lundrie** - Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, **Angela Anderson** – What’s On PoCo.

Note Taker: Nikki Hillman

Goal of Cultural Roundtable: share information and resources and work together to develop new cultural initiatives.

Theme for this meeting: Brainstorm “Rainbow Project” ideas.

1. Welcome and sign in (5 min)

Carrie Nimmo – For this last meeting of the year, we’ve decided to keep it “low tech”. Information regarding the Community Cultural Development Investment Program – Project Category. Carrie has been working with Mary Ann Anderson, a Vancouver-based arts administrator and founder of **Little Dog Creative Consulting**, which provides consulting services for a variety of clients in the areas of arts management, organizational planning, capacity building and public fundraising.

Updates Include:

- Added festivals to this category
- Replaced 2001 Cultural Plan in preamble with the 2016 *Imagine Port Coquitlam Cultural Plan*
- Made the application more user friendly
 - Simplifying language and deleting redundancy
 - Providing explanations of what is expected in each question
 - Creating an excel spread sheet for the budget
- Aligning questions with Recreation values (inclusion, community, innovation) as well as the Cultural Plan goals
 - What makes project unique or innovative?
 - How does the project engage community and integrate culture into community life?

- How is the project designed to be inclusive?
- What is your marketing and communication plan?
- Maximum amount per year is \$5,000. No longer a max per application.
- Adding \$20,000
- Process
 - Feedback from Festival Network Group (Deb Solberg, Thelka Wright, Brad Nickason, Jean Peachman)
 - If interested in providing feedback, email Carrie Nimmo, or let her know and she will send the draft application out next week
 - December add to website and promote
 - Possible grant writing workshop beginning of January
- Deadline: January 31, 2018 (projects, festivals and development categories)
- Update organizational category for next intake
- During workshop discussion, recommendation to develop a focus group to review Rainbow Project ideas. Include youth outreach, Social Justice Groups, Pride Groups, Youth Councils at Kwikwitlem Middle School, Riverside Senior Secondary and other youth groups. Plan for a meeting in December.
- If you have further questions, please email Carrie Nimmo at nimmoc@portcoquitlam.ca

Roundtable Portion

Sherry Carroll – has served on the Watershed committee for 22 years. Wrote grants for people and agrees that grants are hard to fill out.

George Lukach – the Honeycombs will be caroling at Hawthorne Lodge and Amica. Also performing at Evergreen Cultural Centre Dec. 2&3. You can buy tickets \$20 Adults, \$10 Students at Box Office.

Brad Nickason – local artist and illustrator. Created the graphics for Hyde Creek Salmon Festival.

Jacob McGill – Working on the Turkey Dinner in the Hyde Creek gym, Dec 8 at 5pm, by donation.

Christine Malone – In February, Art Focus will be having their 25th Anniversary exhibition in the Michael Wright Art Gallery and Outlet. Opening will be February 2, 2018. TriCity News will write up an article. They have six large paintings ready to hang, 20 in the gallery and some smaller for the Outlet.

Shermineh Razavifar – Prior to February, Art Focus is participating in the Heritage Tree Festival. Their tree will be all silver to celebrate 25 years. This should bring more awareness to the organization. They have three meetings per month and during one meeting they have an artist demo their techniques. They have a spring and fall show yearly, also participate in Culture days and May Day.

Pia Longstaffe – Anyone with an event or art event, please be aware there are Art event flags available to use. See Arts and Culture Staff to access them.

Alexine Law – Treasurer for Art Focus, also on the grants committee, Canada 150 and Creative Café at Minnekhada.

Jen Chang – Cutie Circle just held a string stretching party. They have a total of 70 ukuleles in the library program. On December 7, there will be a drop-in Christmas tea at

Terry Fox Library. Next ukulele drop in is at Evergreen Cultural Centre Dec 17, 2-4pm, \$3.50 drop in fee. April-June 2018 will be a free workshop for 7 Saturdays.

Terri Shaw – Runs the Drumming for Vitality program at the Outlet and Glen Pine. The oldest participant is 90. Goal is to start a community drum circle. Would like to connect with Rory and Jacob for youth opportunities. Can provide drum or bring your own.

Roger Loubert – fascinated about the flags. Encouraged by maintenance of Round Table and citizenship engagement. Friends of Leigh Square Society have had its ups and downs and have been dormant during the summer. Encouraging people to get informed, needs reconnecting. Financials and files should be open to everyone. He is still a director and an AGM needs to be held.

Rodney Stehr – Empowerment programs in Metro Vancouver, New Westminster and Tri-Cities. Healthy LGBTQ programming. Skills building workshop/conference.

Rory Erikson – announced the Turkey Dinner at Hyde Creek Dec. 8. There will be a shuttle running between Recreation Centre and Hyde Creek. Youth services – working on bringing in more music opportunities such as Guitars, karaoke to create and inspire youth. They have submitted a Pride Parade proposal to participate in the Vancouver Pride Parade. There will be a new float for May Day, with a workshop to help build and create bikes. Working toward creating safe spaces and pride theme to new Rec Centre and Youth Centre. There's also been staff training for inclusion.

Zach Lundrie – Excited that the Cultural Roundtable has reached one year. Will be leading the next phase of this meeting with a brainstorming of ideas for the Rainbow Project.

Corrie Archer – She and Ellie would like to learn more about opportunities with youth and the Rainbow Project. She runs the Me to We Club with lots of volunteer opportunities and ways to participate.

Angela Anderson – developing a phone App for events. Launch date coming soon. Asking for your information for the Jan/Feb issue. Deadline is Dec 1st.

Break and Refreshments

Brainstorm Session for Rainbow Project (*see end of minutes for results*)

Crosswalk
Benches
Float
Pride Celebration
Garden
Banner
Other Ideas

PRIDE CELEBRATION! In Port Coquitlam

12 people are excited about this idea

- Combine with a performance of ukulele that is traditionally associated with the rainbow and happiness
- Summer in the City – Pride Weekend with queer artists, musicians, poets and

performers – ex. Speakers, multicultural performances, queer PoCo artists, vendors & community outreach booths

- Multiple Venues or localized to Leigh Square
- Existing budget for Summer in the City
- Funding would go towards performers & speakers, etc.
- Culturally diverse programming
- Youth focused and led!
- Pride Celebration Element: Raising of Pride Flag at City Hall

BANNERS

1 person is excited about this idea

- Flags higher up on light poles like Vancouver did during Expo 86
- U – yes
- Competition for LGBTQ themed photos
- Design contest within each school then each school puts forth 1 – 2 submissions.
- Include a rainbow banner along with every event in town ex: art shows, car show, festivals
- Little rainbow logo on all banners.

CROSSWALKS (And other City spaces - sidewalks, ramps, doors etc.)

2 people are excited about this idea

- Rainbow train tracks all along Port Coquitlam railway
- Ramp on main entrance to City Hall
- Rainbow fence...not sure where??
- Rainbow street LED lights either static or rotating/changing colours
- On stairs

BENCHES (Or other city facility integration)

6 people are excited about this idea

- More than 1 – 6 spread around the city
- Blakeburn Park?
- @ a pocket park – conversational
- Area in downtown core
- Build more, a job for firefighters! Use silver Birchwood @ FH#1
- Planters with a range of flower colors

PRIDE FLOATS: Mayday? Vancouver? Other parades

3 people are excited about this idea

- A "competition" between Tri-City schools for structural ideas and incorporate every

schools ideas. Jacob, Carrie, Ron, Rory, Ellie

- Definitely May Day Parade sponsored by businesses
- Many floats – one for each school/organization/business to bring awareness to LGBTQ issues
- Have LGBTQIA & youth come out?

RAINBOW GARDEN

7 people are excited about this idea

- I like this idea
- Metal material so they stay all year long
- Yes but where?
- Include garden in pocket parks
- McAllister & Shaughnessy
- Whyte & Shaughnessy
- In front of library
- In front of the new Rec Centre
- In front of Hyde Creek Rec. Ctr.

OTHER IDEAS?

- How about lighting example the blue lights on the sky train by evergreen station. (1 person is excited about this idea)
- A mixture of banners, crosswalks & benches (5 people are excited about this idea)
- Rainbow café (1 person is excited about this idea)
- Organization that makes safe places for LGBTQ youth/older people
- Organize meets/clubs at schools
- Fund speakers for schools

- Fund specific outreach worker to liaison & provide support to GSA's and youth drop in 10 hrs. a week / 12 months (3 people are excited about this idea)
- Rainbow Piano
- Rainbow hydro box
- Rainbow Christmas light display...or something more permanent
- Make sure lots of opportunity for the LGBTQ community to have their say - What do they want. This symbol represents them. (1 person is excited about this idea)

Cultural Roundtable Final Questions

What Needs Improving?

(Format, Topics, Location, Time)

- More advertising
- Use of billboards
- Use of bus shelter

- Create dedicated community boards
- More public notice of meetings (in media)
- More workshops targeting all groups and individual artists
- Grant writing
- Proposal process
- Info on progress of proposed ideas/projects - ex: pocket parks
- Discussions/opportunities debate some issues
- Replace the missing clock
- Suggestions input by members of the cultural roundtable
- Vegetarian options
- More youth included in the program
- More LGBTQIA people
- More frequent meetings
- 2.5 hour meetings
- Gluten free snacks
- Share other municipality's success stories
- Website with info, dates, calendar of topics for roundtables
- Minutes taped- audio or video of roundtable meetings
- Definitely needs workshops on practical matters (ex. How to be on a board, grant writing, board transit)
- More youth involved – emails out to schools and youth workers
- Later start time would be better (ex. 6:30-8:30pm)
- City Councilors presence
- Further improvement in communication
- A more open format
- Series of what's working and direction to explore all groups that can be contacted
- Do group introductions at the start of the meeting
- Produce and publish a comprehensive (within reason) directory of active community groups
- More diversity – age/...
- Advertise at City Facebook page more often
- Introductions, awesome get to know each other
- Shorter portions of promotion, maybe a difference device

What Worked?

(Format, Topics, Location, Time, Communication)

- Snacks good
- Speakers (guest)
- Day: Thursday is the best day
- Time: 5-7 (thumbs up)
- Loved Introductions/sharing circle - engages everyone
- Great format – thank you
- Free admission
- Enjoyed speakers, members of the community sharing thoughts and ideas
- Set up in round shape
- Thanks for having food

- Professional dev. Opportunities, more guest speakers please
- Awesome venue
- Allows for incredible networking
- Love the roundtable talk from each person/group
- Meeting other groups is great
- Networking opportunities
- Improved communication
- Location is awesome
- It worked
- Equal opportunities
- Loved the networking with people from various groups
- 2 hours is perfect

Who is not in the Room? Who is NOT represented? And how do we get them here?

- Youth (x2)
- LGBTQ (x2)
- Cultural groups
- Different clubs, schools – let other in arts group show the advantage
- Schools
- Age groups
- More cultural/ethnic minority groups
- Diversity of age group
- Other ethnic groups
- Access to other city administrators and decision makers
- Other non-profit service clubs
- New Canadians – those in the process of becoming
- Invite TriCity – not just Poco
- Maybe advertise in Secondary schools
- Wider range of ages: young – older
- Invite north side of Poco societies
- Invite some local businesses

Adjourned: 7:01 pm

Next Meeting: January 18, 2018, 5-7pm