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Cultural Roundtable Goals:

1. Share information and resources
2. Work together to develop new cultural initiatives

Topics: Art Focus 25th Anniversary Show

Agenda:

1. 5:00 - 5:10pm: Welcome and sign in
2. 5:10 – 5:20pm: Cultural Plan Update
3. 5:20 – 5:50pm Roundtable – Introduce yourself and what is coming up for you or your organization (1 minute each)
4. 5:50 – 6:00pm: Break: refresh and network
5. 6:00 – 6:30pm: Art Focus Curatorial Tour
6. 6:30 – 7:00pm: Cultural Roundtable Feedback
7. Next Meeting: March 15, 5-7pm

Carrie Nimmo goes through Agenda
Important for us to celebrate the art in MWAG, we have a curatorial tour by Art Focus
Carrie introduces herself, Klara and Zach
Announces that Zach is leaving the City and acknowledges him for all the work he has done in Arts and Culture
Announcement for Coffee Concert – Kim Sato and Project Soul, energetic dance followed by a free workshop
We looked at the feedback we got from you last year which informs our work plan
One of the things in the feedback was marketing, so we are developing a marketing plan
We are working with Corporate Communications and the consultant Thornley Creative
Chris Thornley will come back in April to talk further about how Leigh Square will be represented in the marketing
We heard loud and clear wayfinding is important, Carrie is working with Engineering and she is a real advocate for the wayfinding of Leigh Square
First intake with CCD Grant, 3 successful candidates, very exciting
Projects and Organizational support grants are next, please speak with Carrie at the break
We are excited that we’ve had youth and First Nation representation at the RT
Fred from Kwikwetlem FN is looking at possibly hosting one of our upcoming RT meetings

Roundtable Portion:

Sherry Carroll
Sharing an artwork scroll, we made the scroll 10 years ago
Lists the things that artists need
Look at the categories in the scroll and identify where you fit in

Roger
Attended event with informed panelists – Metro Vancouver Sustainability Breakfast
Includes tools for Arts and Culture
One of the presenters talked about the Cultural Planning project for NV
Roger acknowledged Port Coquitlam for creating a PoCo centric plan

Carrie – Metro Vancouver Sustainability Breakfast

Angela Anderson
Publisher of What’s On Poco
Have launched our App
Please submit your events
Will be rolling out a marketing plan so that people are aware of the App
Let Angela know what you think of the App, it is very adaptable so it can be modified

Amad
Painter and sculpture
First time at roundtable

Zohreh
Second time at the RT
Currently working on a project related to creativity and multi-culturalism

Debra with Theatrix
Promoting the spring break camps
Couldn’t find links to website
Planning events for summer programs
Over 800 students from school registered in Theatrix programs annually
Acknowledged the connectedness that is being created at the RT
Lauren also with Theatrix
Are in the middle of their school season, mini-performances happening at schools all over, all for youth
Next thing is spring camps
Will also be at the City for May Day

Jay
Owner of the Salmon Van
Art interventionist, border between activism and art
Has been pitching puppet shows and art activations
Will be working with the City on Summer Art Camp
Would like to bring in theatre and script writing into that programming
Community programing that involves indigenous, environmental issues
The Van is mobile so it can be used to activate events
Looking for community partners, people who want their space activated
Has sound equipment, drums
Started as a visual artist, as a painter

Zach
Coffee Concert is coming up this weekend and it will be an exciting show
Sad to be leaving the City
Wants to acknowledge that the reason for people leaving in recent times has been not because of issues in the department but because they have found one-time excellent opportunities
The City now has a cultural plan that is clear and includes actions which makes it difficult to leave

Sharon
Member of Art Focus
Major was graphic and now painting more
Happy to be celebrating 25 years
Beginning of May Art Focus has its spring show

Pia
Also member of Art Focus

Alexine
Treasurer of Art Focus
Next major project is murals
396 square feet of art, attached to the wall
Will be approaching the City for project grant

Christine passes

Kelly
We are also celebrating an anniversary
Heritage week is on next week
Have a number of exhibitions
Sports Exhibit
New City Hall exhibit 'My PoCo Place', grade 3-4
General meeting for this month

Tony Polonez Tri-City
Next event is an art exhibition, 25 artists
Exhibition will be held at Port Moody City Hall, a beautiful place to exhibit
Held a Valentines ball for volunteers

George, Wilson Centre
PoCo’s got talent – can be put on the What’s On App
Could be advertised through the schools
Choir is putting on concerts in April

Pandora
Past president of Tri-City Wordsmiths
Meet at the Terry Fox library every 2 months
Our 5th Anniversary is coming up
Excited for the new library space
Meetings are open and free
About 40 people can fit into a workshop

Sandra Horton
Live in PoCo
Husband teaches at Riverside
Passionate about PoCo
Advocate for all the things that are important to PoCo’s history and that celebrate contemporary PoCo

Trish Mandewo
Co-owner of Woman’s Collaborative Hub
One of the things that we have coming up Identity and the Complexities of Connection
Every other month we have a World Café, women only, Samz Pub
We talk about the things that women face and how we can affect social change

1. 6:00pm break: refresh and network (10 min)
2. Art Focus: Curatorial Tour (40 min)

Christine
Curatorial Tour
Art Focus started because a group of artists wanted to raise the profile of arts and culture in PoCo, the city was expanding
Colin at that time was a member of a Port Moody artist group and he knew a lot of artists so he invited people to the inaugural meeting, 47 artists showed up
Immediately there was interest in the exhibitions
Constitution was written with 4 key points:
- Had to welcome all artists from emerging to established
- 2 art shows a year
- 3 meetings a month, one with a workshop by a professional artist
Maintain a scholarship fund, saved from 50/50 fund, we give a scholarship to students who will be pursuing art in post-secondary.

Towers are Art Focus comment on Riverside
We are strongly involved in community, including Canada Day, Salmon Festival, illustrated the book about PoCo history published by Heritage
Fine moment for Art Focus to exhibit at MWAG

Tour of the artwork begins and is given by Pia and Christine
Silver Anniversary
Every artist had to incorporate silver
Every artist did that in different ways

Adjourned – 7:00 pm

Next Cultural Roundtable Meeting: March 15, 2018