

Attendees: **Sherry Carroll, Christine Malone** – Art Focus, **Alexine Law** – Art Focus, **Sherry Carroll** – Artist, **George Lukach** - WC Honeycombs, **Angela Anderson** – What’s On PoCo, **Tony Kostka** – Polonez Tri-City, **Kelly Brown** – PoCo Heritage, **Pandora Ballard** – Tri-City Wordsmiths, **Pia Longstaffe** – Art Focus, **Sherminah R.** – Art Focus, **Trish Madero** – Women’s Collaborative Hub, **Sandy Horton** – Women’s Collaborative Hub, **Zohreh Hamraz** – Artist, **Ahmad Ayhazadea, Jay Peachy** – Interventionist, **Brad Nickason, Roger Loubert** – Minnekhada Prk Association, **Carrie Nimmo** – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager, Arts and Culture, **Zach Lundrie** - Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, **Klara Manhal** – Arts and Culture Coordinator

Note Taker: Klara Manhal

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 programming 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