



Minutes

Building a Creative Markham Advisory Committee
Markham Museum Transportation Building
November 17, 2010

Attendance:

Terry Browne, Markham Little Theatre
Cheryl Giblon, Library Board
Barry Nelson, Heritage Markham
Ardy Reid, Friends of the Museum Board
Ernestine Tahedl, Gallery Board
David Tsubouchi, Chair
Rob Wells, Markham Concert Band

Councillor John Webster

Carrie Colangelo, Culture Department
Eric Lariviere, Theatre Manager
Francine Perinet, Gallery Manager
John Ryerson, Culture Department

Regrets:

Daniel Atlin, Seneca College
John Cabrelli, Markham Arts Council
Jobson Easow, Race Relations Committee
Jennifer Kah, Theatre Board

Councillor Gordon Landon
Councillor Carolina Moretti

Cathy Molloy, Museum Manager

The meeting convened at 4:11 p.m. with David Tsubouchi presiding as the Chair.

1. Minutes of October 13, 2010 meeting

Recommendation that the Building a Creative Markham Advisory Committee Minutes from the October 13, 2010 meeting be approved.

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2. HUBS

John Ryerson presented his handout on HUBS. Discussions took place on the need for a HUB in Markham. Some of the discussion points:

- Use of existing buildings/spaces like closed schools or Markham East Rehearsal hall
- Ensure that the tenants have access to professional services for promotion, management, technology, research and lawyers
- Need to define mandate and to understand what services are required by the community
- There is a need to move people out of their basements and into office space.

Discussions also took place about the difference between HUBS verses Incubators. It was suggested that HUBS are better because they allow artists to get expert support.

A suggestion was made to experiment with the HUB concept by using an existing space and converting it into a HUB space.

The keys to successful HUBS:

- Who is selected
- Passionate and driven people
- Anchor tenants

It was decided that a subcommittee should be formed to further explore the HUB concept. Some questions to explore:

- What would an individual artist use the space for?
- Define mandate
- What services do they need?
- Do they want a HUB concept? Is there a need?

3. Interview Questions

John Ryerson presented the interview questions created by DECODE. Discussions took place on the clarity of the questions. John will review the questions based on the committee's feedback and re-circulate. The committee felt that the questions needed to be more specific, using plain language. The list of people to interview will be circulated and committee members can specify who they would like to interview. John requested that each of the committee members complete interviews with their own committees.

4. New Business

- It was suggested that a subcommittee form to work on the structure of the report and a communication plan
- A suggestion was made that the committee ensure equity across the Town by looking at all the neighbourhoods within the Town

HUB Subcommittee

Barry Nelson
Rob Wells
Ernestine Tahedl

Communications Subcommittee

Eric Lariviere
Barry Nelson

The Building a Creative Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.