

**JOINT PUBLIC ART/PUBLIC REALM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Varley Art Gallery**  
**Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 7:00pm**

**MINUTES**

<b>Attendance:</b> <u>Committee</u> Rhiannon Trail Peter Pavlovi Glen Harrington Stefania Pflugbeil Alina Tarbhai Matthew Korchinski Nori Hanif Omar Bhaati Councillor Logan Kanapathi Councillor Valerie Burke  <u>Artists</u> Jill Price Sylvia Chan Frankie Ip Isabelle Tremblay Lynda Warne	<u>Staff</u> Darshika Patel, Committee Clerk Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks & Open Spaces John Ryerson, Director of Culture Francine Périnet, Director, Varley Art Gallery Karen Boniface, Technical Coordinator Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services Brett Dunlop, Educational Programs Coordinator  <u>Regrets</u> Kenny Yu Paul Cosburn Regional Councillor Gord Landon Sadiq Parani Councillor Alex Chiu
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The Joint Public Art/Public Realm Advisory Committee convened at 7:05 pm.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Francine Périnet, Director of Varley Art Gallery, welcomed everyone to the Varley Art Gallery for the special presentation of the Pomona Mural Project. Committee members briefly introduced themselves. Ms. Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services, Councillor Valerie Burke, and Ms. Karen Boniface, Technical Coordinator, thanked staff, councillors and the Pomona Mural Project team for their commitment to this project.

**2. PRESENTATION ON PONOMA PROJECT**

Ms. Jill Price, Artist Mentor of the Pomona Project, thanked everyone for coming. Ms. Price discussed how the history of Thornhill was used as inspiration for this project. The artists researched the history and found areas where they wanted to offer their skills to the project. Mr. Frankie Ip created the initial mock-up of what the mural would look like. Thereafter, each of the selected artists spoke briefly about their experience on this project.

Ms. Linda Warne was grateful for this opportunity and believed this was a great experience as she learned from the other artists and their areas of expertise.

Mr. Frankie Ip felt that he benefited most from this experience as he is a club member at Ponomo Tennis Club and had the opportunity to use his knowledge of graphic designing. He felt honoured to be a part of this project.

Ms. Isabelle Tremblay learned a lot from this experience. What stood out most to her in the history of Thornhill was the emergence of a post office in the town. When the first post office opened in Thornhill, it officially became a town. For that reason, you see letters in the mural. The date on the letter indicates the date that Thornhill became a town.

This was Ms. Sylvia Chan's first time working on a large scale mural. She was very committed to this project and had the chance to work on the landscape as it is her area of interest and expertise.

Mr. Brett Dunlop, Educational Coordinator at the Varley Art Gallery, oversaw this project. There were many educational aspects to this project as different approaches were taken to create this art, different styles were used and a lot of history is represented in the mural.

Members posed some questions to the project team. The committees were informed that the mural will be installed tentatively in April and then will be touched up and sprayed. The project team hopes to have the mural up in time for the opening season of the club. Also, the artists explained some of the elements of the mural.

### **3. NEXT MEETING DATE**

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The Markham Public Art/Public Realm committee meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.