

City Hall/City Hall Grounds Installations Working Group

Tuesday, 31st May, 2022

THE CITY HALL/CITY HALL GROUNDS INSTALLATIONS WORKING GROUP MINUTES

HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Aldermen Rodgers;
Councillors Beattie, Lyons and O'Hara.

In attendance: Ms. S. Grimes, Director of Physical Programmes;
Ms. K. Mullen, Project Sponsor;
Mr. M. Doherty, Project Manager, Physical Programmes;
Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer; and
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer.

Chairing of Meeting

Councillor Beattie in the Chair.

Apologies

There were no apologies received.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 12th April were agreed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were recorded.

Artist brief - City Hall statues

The Project Sponsor reminded the Members of the Working Group about the presentations delivered by Paula Reynolds on the life and times of Mary Ann McCracken, and by Ruth Taillon on the life of Winifred Carney and provided an overview of the draft artist's brief which was circulated to the Members in advance. She highlighted the two statue locations in the City Hall grounds for the Members consideration and advised that the new statue designs would be cognisant and sympathetic to the current statues.

The Project Sponsor and Project Manager provided the Members with details of the commissioning and tender process. The Project Manager advised that the two-stage procurement process was tried and tested in the market.

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There was discussion around the promotion of the project to attract artists. The Project Manager gave the Members of the Working Group assurance that the project would be given sufficient publicity and advertising through e-sourcing and all social media channels.

The Project Sponsor provided the Members with historical facts about the surrounding statues in terms of agreeing where the two new statues should be located. The Working Group re-iterated their agreement for the previously agreed locations (as marked as Location 1 and 2 on the map which had been circulated to the Group).

In relation to timescales, the Project Sponsor updated that it was envisaged that the brief would go out to procurement in the Summer. In the interim further discussions would be held with HED.

There was further discussion about whether the statues should be at ground level or on a plinth. The Members agreed to leave it open to artist interpretation and the Director of Physical Programmes stated that that this would be included in the artist's brief.

The Director of Physical Programmes provided the Members of the Working Group with an update on the Frederick Douglas statue which would be brought to the June Steering Group meeting in relation to the design brief. The Chairperson asked that this be brought back to the next City Hall Installations Working Group for an update.

The Working Group noted the information which would be provided.

Carson stone - Verbal Update

The Project Sponsor reminded the Working Group of the Carson Stone design concept and provided an update on the project. She referred to her meeting with Redhead consultants in relation to the removal of four marble tiles in City Hall which would require HED guidance as to whether limestone could be used for the replacement tiles or if the tiles would need to be replaced 'like for like' using marble which would have a financial impact.

The Project Sponsor agreed to circulate the design concept to Party Leaders by way of a reminder.

Noted.

Date for the tour of City Hall/Walking Tour

The Working Group agreed the first week of August to undertake a tour of City Hall and the wider walking tour and that the Director of Physical Programmes would confirm the date in due course.

Chairperson