STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

49 and 51 East Liberty Street - Public Art Program

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to seek City Council approval of the 49 and 51 East Liberty Street Public Art Program. The plan, which is included as Attachment 1 of this report, outlines the method by which the owner will commission public art in the publicly-accessible, privately-owned area of the development site.

This public art plan provides a framework for a public art commission including the introduction, governing documents, and objectives of the public art program; the public art opportunities and public art site; the budget, the artist selection process and schedule. The attached plan meets the objectives of City Planning’s Percent for Public Art Guidelines and is supported by the Toronto Public Art Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

City Council approve the 49 and 51 East Liberty Street Public Art Program as attached to the report dated March 12, 2013, from the Director, Urban Design.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

In July 2006, City Council approved the King Liberty Village Block Public Art Plan, as the owner was required to address the entire block for this phased development.
In September, 2006, the owner submitted a plan for the first phase of the Block - Block 2A, 55 and 59 East Liberty Street (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/council/cc060925/te7rpt/cl049.pdf). The owner is now submitting the next phase of this Block Plan, for 49 and 51 East Liberty Street. Two sculptures were commissioned: the first installed in 2011; and the second currently in fabrication.

In accordance with the development approvals and the Section 37 provisions, the owner is required to produce a Public Art Program for review by City Planning Staff and its advisory panel, the Toronto Public Art Commission. Initial meetings were held between the owner and City Planning Staff who met to discuss the public art process and to identify the site potentials. On February 28, 2013, the owner representatives made a presentation to the Toronto Public Art Commission, at which time the Toronto Public Art Commission recommended approval of the 49 and 51 East Liberty Street Public Art Program.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As outlined in Attachment 1, in the King Liberty Village lands, the owner has substantial holdings in this neighbourhood. Two sculpture commissions have been awarded to date and the owner is now embarking on a third public art competition. When the final portion of these lands is underway, a future public art program will be prepared by the owner, for approval by City Council.

COMMENTS

The owner is proposing a three stage competition process, beginning with an open call for qualifications. A short list of artists for consideration will be developed and the recommended candidates will be invited to develop their ideas further. An art advisory committee will be established, including one owner representative, and two independent art experts, one of whom lives in the ward, to consider the proposals from the recommended candidates.

The 49 and 51 East Liberty Street Public Art Program is in compliance with the City’s objectives for the provision of public art in private development. This on-site program is in accordance with the City Planning Percent for the Public Art Program, and is supported by the Toronto Public Art Commission. Upon City Council’s approval, the owner will commence work with the artists as scheduled in the attached plan.
We look forward to the results of the public art competition.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1: 49 and 51 East Liberty Street Public Art Program