



Salem Public Art Commission
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MAYOR

Public Art Commission
Thursday, May 27, 2021, 4:00pm
Meeting held via Remote
Participation

MEETING MINUTES

Note: All proposals, presentations, and/or documentation to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting can be viewed online at the following link: <https://bit.ly/SalemPACProposals>

- Meeting Called to Order at 4:07pm
- Roll Call: Norene Gachignard, John Andrews, Carly Dwyer-Nik, Janine Liberty in attendance
Absent: Emily Larsen, Thu Ngan Han, & Kurt Ankeny Beauchamp
- Art Box Project- Julie has gotten a request from Mayor Kim Driscoll, to approve of some artists to refresh some of the existing art boxes in downtown Salem. A strong pool of applicants from the recent mural slam are left, leaving 6 contenders for vote, to be completed during the upcoming Salem Arts Fest Mural Slam. All decisions need to be finalized before June 30th. These art boxes are a good way to showcase the artists and designs that were not chosen for the murals. There are 4 art boxes opportunities in total. Derby Square box, Lapin Park, in front of Hampton/Starbucks, and a smaller squat box on Front Street intersecting Central Street. 6 submitted designs were shown by Julie. Each artist will be given a stipend. We have earmarked this project into the same budget as Art Slam so as not to lose the funds given to us for a Marketing Liaison, as the funds would have been lost as of the 21st. Since Mayor Driscoll has asked us to put this on the front burner, the funds can be used for this additional aspect of Art Slam. These additional artists will zero out the budget. All artists are Salem/North Shore based, local artists. Julie is still looking for a Marketing liaison for public arts if the body still wants that additional help and is asking for help looking for someone. Janine asked for demographic information for those who have submitted designs as she wants to give first opportunity to women and persons of color. Demographic information was not asked of or given with submissions.
- No further discussion. Norene Motioned to approve art boxes as identified. Moved by Janine, seconded by Carly. Let the record show that John, Norene, Carly, and Janine voted in favor. While absent Emily Larsen, Thu Ngan Han, & Kurt Ankeny Beauchamp. Motion passes.
- Adjourn - Janine motions to adjourn, Norene seconded, Meeting Adjourned at 4:24 pm

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