



KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL

MAYOR

Salem Public Art Commission
98 Washington Street
Salem, Massachusetts 01970
(978) 619-5685



Public Art Commission
August 16, 2022, 6:30pm
Meeting held remotely via Zoom

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 6:34 pm.**
- **Roll Call PAC:** John Andrews, Kurt Ankeny Beauchamp, Carly Dwyer-Naik, & Catherine Bertrand in attendance. Absent: Norene Gachignard & Janine Liberty.
- **Meeting Minute Approvals**
 - o July 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes- John motioned to approve meeting minutes, Kurt moved, Carly seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - o July 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes- John motioned to approve special meeting minutes, Carly moved, Catherine seconded. Kurt abstained. Not enough votes to make a quorum. Voting was tabled for the next meeting.
- **Format Discussion and Vote for September 2022 thru March 2023 meetings**

The state has extended the virtual meeting law for fully remote, and hybrid meetings. Hybrid meetings need quorum to be in person. Format needs to be posted in the meeting agenda 48 hours in advance. Technically we could configure the meeting format together before that is posted, but that might cause a lot of confusion, and may lead to a lot of canceled meetings if unable to pivot at the last minute. Julie advised that Norene is in favor of remote meetings. Kurt has motioned for the meetings to stay remote. John moved. Catherine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Sarah Remond Painting Donation Review & Discussion**

Julie showed us a picture of a portrait of abolitionist Sarah Remond gifted to the city by a local artist. The 4.5 ft x 2.5 ft framed portrait fits in well with the decor of the City Hall. If or when this image is approved, this image would then be vetted through City Council in order to be hung in City Hall. John made a motion to accept the piece into the City's collection. Catherine moved, Carly seconded. Kurt opposed. John

motioned to strike the vote in order to open a discussion. Kurt is concerned about the city's endorsement of the image. He wants to make sure that the constituency is in favor of this depiction. Kurt is concerned that the image's skin tone may be off, and wishes to not contribute to a white washing of the figure of the black abolitionist from Salem. The commission agrees with the statement. The universal consensus is that as long as this image is approved by the appropriate parties, we would give permission to display it publicly in City Hall. John motioned to approve the acceptance of the image of Sarah Remond, Catherine moved. Carly seconded. Motion passed to accept the painting into the City's collection via donation, with the caveat to make sure appropriate parties are able to review the image first.

- **Karin Stanley Sculpture Donation Review & Discussion**

Kurt was concerned that if the sculpture was left in that spot, it would be John motioned, Catherine moved, and Kurt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Making It Public Temporary Public Art Call- Timeline Workshopping**

Due to time limitations, Julie suggested tabling this conversation for later on this fall when more time can be invested in the topic. Call needs to go out this Fall or the end of November.

CLC Mural Call Review

Public Art FY23 (July 2022-June 2023) Strategic Work Plan; Budget Allocations Discussion Continued

- **Public Comments-**

None

- **Adjourn-** Norene motioned to adjourn. Moved by John, seconded by Catherine. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm.**

Persons requiring auxiliary aids and services for effective communication such as sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device, or print material in digital format or a reasonable modification in programs, services, policies, or activities, may contact the City of Salem ADA Coordinator, as soon as possible and no less than 2 business days before the meeting, program, or event.

Know your rights under the Open Meeting Law M.G.L. c. 30A § 18-25 and City Ordinance § 2-2028 through § 2-2033.