

SALEM PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES

Public Art Commission meeting was held Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm, City Hall Annex, 98 Washington St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Norene Gachignard, Chair of PAC called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

**1. Roll Call:**

Members Present: Norene Gachignard, John Andrews, Janine Liberty, Kurt Ankeny-Beauchamp, Emily Larsen, Carly Naik Dwyer, and Kate Luchini Staff Planner for Art & Culture

Members Not Present: J Michael Sullivan, Emily Larsen

**2. Approval of June Minutes:**

Andrews made a motion to approve. Dwyer Naik seconded the motion.

*Discussion:*

Motion passes: 5 in favor

**3. Discussion of 2018-2019 PAC Work Plan and Budget**

- Differed

**4. Discussion and appointment of sub-committees to assist with work plan:**

***a. Artists' Row and Old Town Hall RFPs***

- Andrews, Dwyer Naik, Gachignard, Luchini

***b. MBTA underpass and bike path sculpture RFPs***

- Liberty, Ankeny-Beauchamp

***c. Art selection for Annex and Community Life Center***

- Andrews

***d. Mission***

- Liberty

**5. Discussion of Northshore CDC mural proposal for Waterfront Garage, Mickey Northcutt**

- Looking to update the South Harbor garage and along the South River
- They have a PUAM artist in mind to create a mural on the garage facade
- May want to have the New Angle Glass Sign post removed will reach out to the property owner
- Dwyer Naik question the amount of community involvement, Northcutt said there are often workshops and that there was a call for art in hopes of reaching out to local artists.
- Liberty suggested having a local high school AV Club do a time lapse of painting
- Finalized date and details of "Women in the Art" panel discussion, a collaboration between PUAM and PAC, on 9/17 6-8pm at the North Shore CDC

**7. Discussion and recap of Performers' Series**

- Basic Lights and sound install would be huge help for future performances
- Activated space

- Need more capacity for promotion, etc.

#### **8. Maryann Perrone presents concept for “Benches of Solidarity” community art project**

- CDC’s Youthbuild would construct portable benches to serve as a canvas for visual arts that explain the past, present, and future of the Point neighborhood
- Benches moved and used as a launching point for performing arts
- Budget hasn’t been outlined but she will be researching the Cultural Council grants, Perrone is open to suggestions for partnerships and collaborations.
- Noreen suggested working with the Community Life Center (CLC)
- PAC strongly recommends benches need a partner and home for storage and transportation, such as with the CLC or Root
- CDC/Punto is doing a Harbor Voices project that may confuse the name

#### **9. Public art inventory update, Don Daly**

- City Hall art has been cataloged, needs photo documentation to accompany
- Working on defining temporary and permanent public art.
- File will be shared via Google Docs

#### **10. Catherine Bertrand presents proposal for “Acts of Resistance” theater series**

##### ***Discussion***

- Request for the free use of Old Town Hall for three theater performances
- Plays center on disenfranchised voices, concentrating on Women. Received SCC funding for the plays, including hosting a focus discussion with the audience
- By using OTH (Old Town Hall) weekdays in November there's no competition between the other events happening in the city

Andrews made a motion to approve. Dwyer Naik seconded the motion.

Motion passes: 5 in favor

#### **11. Other Business**

- Invite Artists to create small scale street art “interventions” on city objects instead of an RFP
- Explore offering an “Off Nights” series of community performances with a request for proposals.
- DeChamps building is required to maintain the public art on its facade in perpetuity (they are not required to maintain the original mural, but to ensure that there is always art on the façade)
- Resending the Public Public Art Instagram - 93Washington

#### **12. Public Comments**

#### **13. Adjourn**

Liberty motion to adjourn Seconded by Dwyer Naik motion to adjourn approved 8:22pm