

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm, City Hall Annex, 98 Washington St. 1st Floor

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

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1. Roll Call:

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

Members Not Present: J Michael Sullivan,

2. Approval of August Minutes: Deferred

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

- Deferred

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

a. Artists' Row and Old Town Hall RFPs

- New RFP will determine whether there will be a rotation of tenants
- Liz will be leaving Artists Row to relocate
 - It would be ideal to have a cycle of artists in the shop for the rest of the season
- Having a manager for OTH and Artists Row to run the programming would help activate the space, need to determine how to fund
- Salem Museum and History Alive contracts need to be reassessed
- OTH has a lot of challenges and needs to be better utilized, needs AC
- Things that should be covered in the new RFP
 - Better space activation
 - Subletting details outlined
 - Rent increase for events such as weddings

b. MBTA underpass and bike path sculpture RFPs

- It would be best if it was a permanent piece
- Opportunity to explore alternatives to mural art
- Possibly artistic lighting for added safety, though will require additional funds

c. Art selection for Annex and Community Life Center (CLC)

- Still in process, held up with insurance requirements

d. Mission statement

- Still in process, Liberty to draft

e. Street art initiative

- Artist will need between \$500-\$1000 for small-scale street art interventions
- Andrews made a motion to approve Naik - Dwyer seconded

Motion approved to fund unanimously 0-5

f. Requesting 1% of a tax revenue for the art commission

- Each PAC member will reach out to their local city councilor to advocate
- The 1% could come from Liquor License, Cannabis taxes or possibly new development- requires research

11. Other Business

- Andrews would like to see the PEM acknowledge or provide funds to the PAC
- PAC would like to work with a Projection Mapping specialist
- Mural "From a Dark Place" by the old train station still needs to be removed
- Conversation about PAC branded merchandise, but Luchini would prefer to focus on procuring additional funding to support artists and projects
- South Harbor Parking garage display windows will have three new banners highlighting Salem's "Art & Culture, History and Entertainment"

12. Public Comments

13. Adjourn

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