

As approved at the meeting on 20 Feb 19

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 16 January 2019
Gloucester City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Hoglander, Chair
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary
Avery McNiff

Rebecca Reynolds
Catherine Ryan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken

GUEST

Pauline Bresnahan, 514 Essex Avenue, Gloucester

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Judith at 5:00 pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS ON 11 AND 17 OCTOBER 2018

It was agreed that consideration of these minutes will be postponed until the next meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 19 DECEMBER 2018

Judith said she had talked with Jill Cahill, the City's Community Development Director, about the procedures for voting for approval of minutes. Jill confirmed that, so long as a quorum is present, all members present, including those who were not at the meeting whose minutes are under consideration, are eligible to vote on the approval of those minutes.

A motion by Robert, seconded by Rebecca, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW MEMBERS AND TREASURER'S POSITION

On a temporary basis, Jill Cahill will assist with accounting and actions regarding the Committee's City funds. Judith will talk with Jill regarding renewal of the Federal SAM (System for Award Management) registration and will check with Sinikka and Jill regarding the City's \$4,000 appropriation.

Judith reported that she will follow up with the person she had talked with about joining the Committee but now does not think the person will pursue that. Rebecca reported the person with whom she had spoken is not in a position to be a part of the Committee. Judith emphasized the need for all members to continue the search.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF VETERANS

Regarding places to display the photographs, Judith said she had discussed this with Adam Curcuru, Director of Veterans' Services. He is reluctant to hang some at the Veterans' Center because of concern about showing favoritism. Rebecca is coordinating the hanging of 11 photographs in City Hall in the first floor elevator lobby. That work is underway. There are 13 photographs of veterans who are alive; the 11 photographs to be hung in City Hall are part of that group. In addition to those 13, there are two others who are from Gloucester but at present it cannot be verified that they are alive.

Rebecca said she had talked with Brian Torkelson of the Gloucester Elks Lodge. He indicated that the Trustees would consider this. She also reported that Lucy Sheehan, Executive Director of the Rose Baker Senior Center is enthusiastic about displaying some of the photographs there. Rebecca will follow up with Juni. Judith is checking with the Gloucester VA Clinic. Avery has called James Cook, Principal of Gloucester High School, but he has not yet responded.

Judith asked for more possible locations, suggesting contacting downtown businesses, Café Sicilia, YMCA, banks, churches, and other locations.

Catherine stated that the Committee needs to consider how the photographs will be preserved for the future. There was general agreement regarding this. Judith said she will contact the framer to find out what archival materials were used in the framing. Once that is known, the Committee can have further discussion regarding what other steps might be needed.

There was a short discussion regarding the need for a permanent name for the City Hall elevator lobby exhibition space – to use it for recognitions and art exhibits. There was some consensus with respect to using the word "gallery." Judith asked members to think about this, with the idea of deciding on an official recommendation to the Mayor at the next meeting.

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

Avery reported that Art Haven has been doing some great things with students' artistic work, and she wants to build on that. Also, Cape Ann Museum is involved in arts efforts for students. There was a discussion about the possibility of the Committee giving grants to the City schools for arts projects, and the Committee agreed that should be reviewed.

ART POLICY ORDINANCE

Robert briefly summarized the work to date. He will send out the most current version previously approved by the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Rebecca, seconded by Robert, to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary