

As approved at the meeting on 21 February 2018

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 17 January 2018
Gloucester City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Hoglander, Chair
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary
Sinikka Nogelo, Treasurer

Rebecca Reynolds
Catherine Ryan

MEMBER ABSENT:

Chris Sicuranza, Mayor's Representative

GUEST:

Beverly Low, 10 Lookout Street , Unit 2, Gloucester – Member of the Gloucester Clean City Commission (GCCC) and the Commission's liaison with the Committee for the Arts CftA).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Judith at 5:08 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 20 DECEMBER 2017 MEETING

A motion by Rebecca, seconded by Sinikka, to approve the minutes, as revised, of the 20 December 2017 meeting was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sinikka noted that the numbers have not changes since the last report in December, but the current report corrects some recording errors in the previous report. She noted that she still is trying to reconcile all the income and expense reports regarding the Civil War era coat. Catherine and she had a short discussion regarding the numbers versus the accounting from Museum Textile Services and agreed to review this further and report back at the next meeting. A motion by Robert, seconded by Catherine, to approve the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Judith asked for, and received, unanimous consent to take up the drain smART item first in deference to our guest.

DRAIN SMART

Beverly Low, a member of the Gloucester Clean City Commission and the Commission's liaison with the Committee for the Arts, noted that drain smART is the project of Seaside Sustainability and it is not a project of the GCCC. However, because she is that Committee's liaison with the CftA, she is grateful for an opportunity to attend our meeting and see how we all can be proactive in supporting the project. Judith thanked Beverly for taking her time to attend and her desire to help move this project along. All agreed that with the work to begin in the spring, it would be good to have a fresh start to this project. Judith noted that these drain murals will be on City property, so the individual designs and placement need to be approved by CftA and be accomplished with appropriate materials.

Catherine noted that the City already has been involved in planning for this project and providing maps and other materials for Seaside Sustainability's use. She also expressed the concern that the drain smART outreach efforts in the fall did not garner much response. She said it is important that the project have community support and that it is Seaside Sustainability's responsibility to get community "buy-in" for the placement of these drain murals. Judith said that the CftA needs to know the design for each placement, its location, and how it will be executed. Moreover, specific proposals to our Committee should already have community support (and involvement through the Ward Councilors if they want that) before being forwarded to us. Beverly said she understands and supports the CftA's concerns and involvement and will emphasize the Committee's requirements to Seaside Sustainability. The Committee thanked Beverly for attending the meeting and asked her to pass along our thanks to Ainsley Smith, the GCCC Chair. The Committee again expressed enthusiasm and support to move the project forward as individual designs and locations are proposed.

POET LAUREATE

Judith reported that, as of this date, there had not been any action yet by the Mayor regarding the Committee's recommendation of Philip Storey to be Poet Laureate of Gloucester. Judith will check with Chris regarding this matter.

CITY HALL ART REPAIRS – BRONZE PLAQUES

Rebecca reported that Robert Shure of Skylight Studios will be coming to City Hall next week to start work on the smaller plaque.

CITY HALL MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT

Catherine still is continuing efforts to interest a college/university conservation center to be collaboratively involved in the work.

PROPOSED PUBLIC ART POLICY

Robert said that he will schedule a time to review with Chris the Committee's most recent draft and comments and suggested revisions provided by the General Counsel and by the Mayor to clarify the list of issues to be resolved so that Committee can go over those in detail.

CIVIL WAR ERA COAT

Catherine reported that she finished another grant application and ordered the display case. She said she will not be ordering the travel case to transport the coat for temporary loans. Feedback she received in response to possible grant funding inquiries was "cross that bridge when you come to it" because interested institutions should share in or totally fund that cost.

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ADJOURNMENT

Judith reminded the Committee that she would be absent at the February meeting and has asked Rebecca to chair that meeting.

A motion by Robert, seconded by Rebecca, to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary