

As approved at the meeting on 16 May 18

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 21 February 2018
Gloucester City Hall, Kyrouz Auditorium**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rebecca Reynolds, Acting Chair
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary
Sinikka Nogelo, Treasurer

Catherine Ryan
Chris Sicuranza, Mayor's Representative

MEMBER ABSENT:

Judith Hoglander, Chair

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca at 5:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 17 JANUARY 2018 MEETING

It was agreed that the Drain smART item should reflect Beverly Low's position on the Gloucester Clean City Commission. A motion by Chris, seconded by Sinikka, to approve the minutes, as revised, of the 17 January 2018 meeting was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sinikka noted that the FY 2018 Appropriation Account now has the correct account number. She also stated that the beginning balance in that account was \$4,520 (not \$4,000 as she previously had reported) and that the duplicate \$700 payment to Museum Textile Services has been removed. She stated that there is a need to transfer \$2,067.00 of the Civil War era coat funds in the Gloucester Fund to the City, so that the City can issue a purchase order for the display case. A motion by Catherine, seconded by Sinikka, to transfer \$2,067 from the Gloucester Fund to the City for that purpose was approved unanimously. Sinikka and Judith will each send an e-mail message to Barry Pett to authorize that transfer. A motion by Robert, seconded by Chris, to approve the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY HALL ART REPAIRS – BRONZE PLAQUES RESTORATION

The Committee temporarily removed to the stairwell to observe the work to date on the first plaque (outside the main entrance to Kyrouz Auditorium on the left side of the second floor stairwell wall). The results clearly showed great improvement in the readability of the lettering and the overall appearance. Rebecca reminded the Committee that the estimated cost from Robert Shure of Skylight Studios for each of the six larger plaques was \$400-\$500 per plaque, with the two smaller plaques being done at no additional charge. She recommended going

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forward with the restoration one plaque at a time. Rebecca moved that the Committee authorize Skylight Studios to complete work on the first plaque and provide an estimate for each of the seven remaining plaques and proceed, as individually authorized by the Committee, on a plaque by plaque basis. Work on the final plaque would not be authorized until the restorer and the Committee have completed all necessary and appropriate work to document the before and after conditions. The motion, seconded by Robert, was approved unanimously.

There was a general discussion regarding the restoration needs of other City owned bronze plaques. This would include those at City Hall, Stage Fort Park, the Veterans Hall, and other locations. The Committee agreed that we need a prioritized list of all such bronze plaques, the types of treatment needed for each, estimated costs, and possible funding sources. Chris suggested the Committee memorialize this in a letter so that the Committee can undertake this work as part of the planning for the City's 400th anniversary. The Committee unanimously agreed.

PROPOSED PUBLIC ART POLICY

To accommodate Chris' schedule, Rebecca asked for and received unanimous consent to take up the Public Art Policy item next. Chris reported that Robert and he met to review the outstanding items raised by the Committee, the Mayor, General Counsel Chip Payson, and himself. The meeting was very productive in ironing out several matters. Robert said that he will develop a list of those outstanding items so that the Committee can go through the proposed ordinance line by line at the next meeting to present its recommendation to the Mayor.

CIVIL WAR ERA COAT

Catherine reported that we have received a second grant from the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) in the amount of \$1,227.75. (Letter attached.) She stated that she has ordered the display case, which will take 10-12 weeks to be fabricated, at total cost of \$9,475.

CITY HALL MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT

Catherine reported good news: The City Hall Mural Restoration project RFP will go out this month, with bidders having two weeks to respond. Then we will need to review the bid packets, especially with respect to having a collaboration with a college or university conservation center. She distributed a timeline to date for this project (attached).

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary