

As approved at the meeting on 18 Jul 18

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS
Minutes of Meeting Held on 16 May 2018
Gloucester City Hall, Kyrouz Auditorium

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Hoglander, Chair
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary

Sinikka Nogelo, Treasurer
Rebecca Reynolds

MEMBER ABSENT:

Catherine Ryan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Judith at 5:15 pm. Judith announced that she had talked with Chris Sicuranza who notified her that, as of the close of business on the 16th, he was no longer a City employee and, consequently, no longer the Mayor's representative to the Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 21 FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING

A motion by Rebecca, seconded by Sinikka, to approve the minutes of the 21 February 2018 meeting was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sinikka noted that the May report reflects the transfer of \$2,067.85 from the Gloucester Fund to the City for the additional costs for the Civil War era coat. A motion by Robert, seconded by Rebecca, to approve the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY HALL ART REPAIRS – BRONZE PLAQUES RESTORATION

Rebecca reported that Robert Shure of Skylight Studios currently is working on the plaques in the center of the first floor of City Hall.

MURAL RESTORATION UPDATE

An update on the project was postponed until the next meeting due to Catherine's absence.

CIVIL WAR ERA COAT

This item was postponed until the next meeting due to Catherine's absence.

Judith requested and received unanimous consent to reorder the agenda as follows.

POET LAUREATE

Judith reported that the Mayor still is considering the appointment recommended by the panel and the Committee. Judith will contact the Mayor's Office for an update.

NEW BUSINESS

TRAILS AND SAILS

This program will be the last two weekends in September, 22-23 and 29-30. Maggie Rosa (Chair of the City Hall Restoration Commission) and Cape Ann Museum would like their activities to be the 29-30, and Judith suggested that the Committee also might want to focus on that weekend. After discussion, a motion by Rebecca, seconded by Robert, that the Committee participate by having a booth in City Hall and coordinating a mural tour by Susan Erony in City Hall on Saturday the 29th, was approved unanimously. Judith said she will contact Susan.

ART DISCUSSION AT THE JUNE MEETING

Judith informed the Committee that two downtown business owners and developers – Ken Hecht and David Demeter – had each contacted her separately about possible Committee involvement in potential mural projects related to their respective buildings. These projects would be on private property but each would have an impact on the public areas and streets as well, and the owners would like to involve the Committee in some way. The question is whether and how the Committee might be of help in these projects. Judith said that she wants to invite both to attend the June meeting for a general discussion so the Committee can learn more about these projects. She also said she would invite Danny Diamond a local muralist as well for his input. The Committee agreed.

PHOTO PROJECT

Rebecca noted a project that had been undertaken by Gloucester Middle School children during the 1950s and 60s: As a class exercise, they selected a "personality of the week", wrote to that person and asked for a signed photo. Rebecca said she is involved in trying to locate those photos and will keep the Committee informed about this effort.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED – PUBLIC ART POLICY

The Committee began a detailed review of the draft ordinance, beginning with Sections 3 and 4. It was agreed that the draft ordinance needs to be more specific regarding the exceptions to the policy outlined in section 4, but to do that there needs to be clarification from the City as to how these entities operate. The Committee will continue the detailed review of other sections at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Robert, seconded by Sinikka, to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary