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GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

2019 OCT 29 PM 3: 00 **Minutes of Meeting Held on 20 February 2019**
Gloucester City Hall, Mayor's office

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary

Rebecca Reynolds
Catherine Ryan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judith Hoglander, Chair

Avery McNiff

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 19 DECEMBER 2018

With respect to the gift of the photographs of WWII veterans, the Mayor stated that there is a question as to what the City does with the photographs. She said the City should not accept them if we do not know what will be done with them, and where they will be displayed and/or stored. So at this point they have not been officially accepted, and she asked the Committee to come up with plans for where they should be displayed. In addition to places already mentioned, the Mayor said contact should be made with the offices of Congressman Seth Moulton, State Senator Bruce Tarr, and State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante to see if their offices would be appropriate locations.

Because there were different numbers as to how many photographs are included in the gift, it was agreed to correct the draft minutes to remove specific numbers. The Mayor corrected the draft language regarding her comments on possible downtown murals, and the Committee agreed to delete the comments by Judith regarding the public art ordinance. A motion by Robert, seconded by Rebecca, to approve the revised corrected minutes of the meeting held on 19 December was approved unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 JANUARY 2019

It was noted that minutes need to reflect the discussion regarding the possibility of grants from the Committee to the City schools for arts projects and that the Committee had agreed that this should be explored. A motion by Robert, seconded by Rebecca, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January, as revised, was approved unanimously.

The Mayor emphasized in general that the minutes of the Committee's meetings should focus on action items without extensive discussion. She also stressed that any member suggesting corrections or revisions to the draft minutes should provide those changes in writing in advance of, or at, the meeting at which the minutes were to be considered.

TREASURE'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

PHOTOGRAPHS OF VETERANS

Rebecca read the report from Judith (e-mail message of 16 February reproduced here):

Placement of Photos -

VFW - I contacted Brian O'Conner and he was quite positive in his response. He went to City Hall to look at the exhibit there and is very impressed. He will take some of them, but am uncertain as to how many. Stay tuned.

American Legion - I have been in conversation with Mark Nester and he appeared interested. He too was planning on looking at the City Hall exhibit and also promised to get back with me. That was over a week ago and I have called him for a follow up. He has yet to return my calls.

Veterans Clinic - still no call back from the decorator! I will call again.

Downtown - I will reach out to several merchants to explore photo related ideas. I have contacted Joe Ciolino specifically and will report back. I hope that this outreach is not duplicating Jill's efforts!

I note that the YMCA was on our original list of locations. Perhaps Avery or Robert could contact them. (I have taken pictures of the City Hall exhibit, so that new contacts can see what they look like without visiting City Hall.)

Preservation-

I obtained the name of the framer in NY and after several calls back and forth between Jason and AdoramaPix, it was determined that the order number we have for this work is no longer valid as this was done 3 years ago. Since they can no longer look up this work order, we will not be able to determine the materials used.

Jason has told us that "the photos are as archival as any high end prints claim to be" and "they are attached to the mats (glued). I found out the hard way with another print from them, but they should last til long, long after we're no longer on earth." This is all the information we have.

Gallery Naming -

Re naming the gallery, I have spoken to a number of people and most suggested that the City steer clear of using people's names. Some like the type of name that we have discussed and Maggie suggested using the date that City Hall was built. I am wondering if we could relate it to the 400th and use that date in the name.

Catherine reported that none of the photographs or frames are of archival quality (the photos are glued in), so no long-term preservation of the photographs is possible. For that reason, Catherine and Rebecca said the Committee needs to get a digital copy of each photo.

BRONZE PROJECTS

Rebecca reported that Jim Montgomery (New England Foundry) has offered to look at Tablet Rock with a cherry picker crane. They are waiting for better weather.

ART POLICY ORDINANCE

The Mayor said she wants to convene a workshop to get people together to work on the policy all at one time, rather than having different drafts floating around. This would involve the Committee, General Counsel Chip Payson, herself, and others. She stated that the City would provide public notice of this, but the workshop would be a working session, not an official meeting.

MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT

Catherine said she had no new report to make and that the Committee would get the conservation center's final report when it is completed. After some discussion regarding the Committee's need for current information, the Mayor directed Catherine to provide all Committee members with a copy of the draft report now rather than waiting for the final report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Robert, seconded by Rebecca, to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary

