

7.25.23 Minutes

IN Attendance

Karen Ristuben, Chair

Rebecca Reynolds

Judith Hoglander

David Fields

David Calvo

Phillip Storey

Christopher Griffith

8:36 am Meeting Called to Action

June Meeting Minutes -

Would like to add last name initial to notes in the future

Rebecca R. - Moved

Judith H. - 2nd

Approved at 8:40 am

Arts Coordinator

Most recent hire has resigned for another position - their “dream job”

The position will open again next month & David F. will let the committee know when posted

Question raised if salary could be increased? No way to confirm future funding in the budget right now.

CftA Budget

\$5,000 in budget for Fiscal Year

- Annual subscription to Artwork Archive
- Question: can we pull the inventory down for safe backup? Chris G. will follow up and begin forward movement on the subscription

ARPA Funds

Inventory Work

- Need draft contract for Photographer & draft contract for data entry
 - Need 3 quotes for each: ***Committee Members should try to come up with 3 by next meeting** (Jim Montgomery, Montserrat, CAM Archives, Richard Java, Jason Grow, etc.)
 - Lowest bidder wins
 - Needs own liability insurance
- All needs to fall under: How does this relate to reinvestment in the city?
- Goal to complete within fiscal year

Cultural Plan / City Master Plan

There will be a community kick off meeting September 9th (some data being collected in advance)

Karen R. has already spoken with some team members of the City Plan

Tom Borrup (cultural planning consultant, expert) is coming to the NE in the Fall, Karen R. will coordinate him meeting with the Committee for the Arts and the City Plan team (ECCF helping share that resource).

City Collections Subcommittee

Team went to City Hall to find spaces for hanging art and storing art.

- Identified 2 large walls near the stage of City Hall to hang two Roger Curtis' pieces
- Identified space in the City Clerks Office
- Team would like to visit to schools to scope out other potential locations for art

Some discussion around cleaning up CftA closet so it could start storing artwork when accepted.

Next Steps - Need to send memo to Mayor with the following when accepting gifts of art:

- Description of the Artwork
- Information about the Donor
- Reason of the Gift
- CftA plan for maintenance
- Where the artwork should go

Then: Mayor approves Memo > City Council approves Gift > We accept gift with deed

Karen R. is sending memos to Mayor for current gifts

Frank E. Davis portrait

Kari Ruiz painting of City Hall

(4) Roger Curtis paintings

David C. is looking into whether CftA room will be safe during renos

David F. is looking into items that are not CftA and seeing if they can be relocated

Budget Advocacy in 2024:

Sharing the new inventory as testament of the City's rich art assets and the need for a future annual maintenance budget.

Ordinance / Policies Procedures

No Update - still on track to share draft with committee this fall

Tablet Rock

David F. met with Daedalus and discussed beginning work **after** Cape Ann Symphony's concert and how to effectively shut down access to Tablet Rock while work is being done.

Daedalus asked what color the plaque should be at the end? Concern around how intense the conservation would be. Rebecca R. would like to meet with Daedalus next time before work begins to discuss.

Proposal says to maintain the green patina - which will remove less of the actual bronze, lead to less ongoing maintenance costs, and keep a more 'historic' look.

Committee was in consensus on that plan.

David F. will send copy of proposal to Rebecca R. and include her in future pre-work meeting with Daedalus

Property Tax Relief

No Update. David C will research in Fall.

Restoration of Bronze Plaque near Boulevard

Received pictures (before / after)

Rebecca R. requested a report on what was technically done to the piece during the restoration.

Karen R. will follow up with Karen Tibbetts (lead community member on this project)

MAGMA Dance Performance at Schools

Sarah Slifer Swift has proposed: Dance project in collaboration with Boston Dance Theater (new piece called: SURGE) performed at the HS Football field and connected to the sea wall nearby. Boston Dance Theater will be the lead applicant to NEA's Our Town Grant and is asking for city collaboration, as this is public art on city land.

The NEA grant application requires the Government partner to provide in depth information around the support for the project. The CftA does not feel it has enough information to provide anything more than a letter of support for the project - as a public art performance on city land.

Karen R. will write letter support if they would like - and make a recommendation that they reach out to the Gloucester Public Schools to provide more of the information around costs to use the field, coordination, etc that they need for the application.

#CapeAnnCreates

Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce is using hashtag and considering low-cost entry membership for artists. Increasing belonging and business support for working artists in Gloucester and on Cape Ann.

Motion to Adjourn

Judith H. - Moved

Phillip S. - 2nd

Meeting Adjourned at 9:48 am