

As approved at the meeting on 24 Apr 17

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2017

THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

GLOUCESTER CITY HALL

CITY CLERK
GLOUCESTER, MA
2018 JUL 26 PM 1:16

Members Present: Mayor Romeo Theken, Judith Hoglander, Catherine Ryan, Sinikka Nogelo, Rebecca Reynolds

Member Absent: Robert Haverkamp

Guest: Chris Sicuranza

Meeting commenced at 5:02 pm with Judith calling the meeting to order.

1) Art policy ordinance discussion with the Mayor.

Mayor initially talked in general about matters pertaining to the CftA and recent developments that were fraught with problems, confusion, and misunderstanding. The Mayor encouraged members to come to her with issues sooner rather than later. She said she had an open door policy.

Catherine is no longer her liaison, but is a regular member of the board. Chris will serve in this capacity until the Mayor selects someone to serve as her liaison.

She talked about potential solutions to the Black sculpture issue, should the matter go forward.

The Art Policy was then reviewed carefully:

1. Section 3 – change the language to read that the CftA will go through the Mayor to other departments.
2. Section 4 . b. – Say the CITY of GLOUCESTER. The Mayor expressed concern about art work that is not being displayed or properly cared for in public buildings such as the library and the senior center. She

mentioned that the CftA should be aware of any donations made to the City through entities like the Senior Center or Library. It was suggested that there be a standard letter that describes art work that has been given. There is no record of some of the artwork that has been given to the City such as the Trident by Walker Hancock which is on the Boulevard.

3. Section 4. b. i. – Need to determine value of work donated to public buildings.
4. Section 5 – Discussion about the Poet Laureate and the need for a code of ethics and accepted standards of conduct. It was noted that performances have to go through the City and the Events Committee. TAKE “Or Performed” OUT.
5. Section 6 – We were reminded that the DPW and Building Inspector are under the Mayor’s Department. Suggestion that it read – “ to the appropriate department. “ Again, say the CITY of GLOUCESTER and use the pronouns he/she. Section 6. b. (refer to Section 9)
6. Section 7 – As in item 5, refer to Section 9 in Section 7. B. 1.
7. Section 8 – remove “or performed.”
8. Section 9 – The Mayor can have liaisons and ad hoc committees to advise. Section 9. a. Each panel “may” consist of up to eight members, with a minimum possible of 3, all of which must be residents. Section 9.b . refers to ad hoc committee with the approval of the Mayor
9. Section 10 – Doesn’t say we have to have one. Questions surrounding duration of term with a suggested 2-year appointment with optional reappointment up to 3 times.
10. Section 11 – Add with approval of the administration. New law Jan 1st – mandated record keeping.

The Mayor mentioned that they are getting an alarm system for City Hall.

- 2) **Approval of the Minutes of the December 14th, 2016 Meeting**
Tabled.

3) Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report.

4) Old Business

CPA Update and Other Grants

Civil War Coat Update – King twins secured a substantial Massachusetts State Historic Records Advisory Board grant to finish the project and for installation. Thank you notes will go out to Awesome Gloucester next month for their support.

Committee Membership

Poet Laureate – Councilor Paul Lundberg asked to chair. Other members thus far: Amanda Cook representing the Gloucester Writers Center and Christopher Andersen of the Eastern Lit House will be asked.

5) New Business

City Website – need to post minutes from past meetings so that the public has access.

American Legion Building

ADJOURNED at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary

[Notes taken by Member Rebecca Reynolds]