

As approved at the meeting on 20 Sep 17

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 19 July 2017
Gloucester City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Hoglander, Chair
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary
Rebecca Reynolds

Catherine Ryan
Chris Sicuranza, Mayor's Representative

MEMBER ABSENT:

Sinikka Nogelo, Treasurer

GUEST:

Eric Magers, 7 Marchant Street, Gloucester
Executive Director, Seaside Sustainability

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Judith at 5:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 6 JUNE 2017 MEETING

Hold for future meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Rebecca, seconded by Catherine, to take up the Drain smART project as the next item of business passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

DRAIN SMART

Eric Magers, Executive Director of Seaside Sustainability, presented his organization's proposal to implement the Drain smART program in Gloucester. The program involves painting "murals" on selected outdoor storm drains. The murals would all involve visual messages about the connection between the drains and pollution of the ocean. High quality paint would be used that is not intended to easily wear off. If there is wear and tear, the plan is to have the artist touch up the mural. The murals will degrade over time and can be removed by power washing. The paint is made by California Products and is similar to Decoturf, used for athletic surfaces. Currently they have identified 30 potential drains for the program. They have \$2,500 for the project and plan to start as soon as possible. The program would use local artists and will have an online application process in which each artist will submit an image of the artwork (or a sample of previous work and a description of what is planned) for the specific drain being considered.

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Committee members were favorably inclined about the program. Judith explained a number of additional steps that need to be taken before the Committee could consider approval: approval from the City's General Counsel, approval by the Department of Public Works, and a list of the 30 sites being considered. The Committee also will need to decide on the process for selection of specific designs. Chris will check with Salem, where this program has been implemented. Eric said he will send the list of sites to Chris. Once all this is in order, Eric will return to the Committee for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

POET LAUREATE

The Mayor is waiting to hear back from the Rufus Collinson, a former Poet Laureate, about serving on the selection panel. Chris and Catherine each agreed to contact Ms. Collinson again.

CITY HALL ART REPAIRS

Motion by Robert, seconded by Chris, to get an estimate for repatination of all the bronze plaques in City Hall passed unanimously. It also was agreed that there would be a need to get rental of scaffolding donated for this project.

Rebecca reported on the project to repair the two Mayoral portraits. The Committee has received an invoice for \$540 for photos of the two portraits. Judith reported that she has talked with Ronda Faloon, Director of Cape Ann Museum, and the Museum has made a commitment to store the portraits until they can be restored at the same time work is done on the City Hall murals. However, there may be an issue of insurance, and We need to consult with City General Counsel Chip Payson.

TRAILS AND SAILS

The City Hall mural tours will be Saturday, 23 September, Noon – 3:00. Arrangements are set except that Judith needs to talk with the Mayor about her office being open at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

TABLET ROCK

It was reported that at a meeting of the committee planning the 400th anniversary of Gloucester, Steve Winslow who is under contract with the City will make a presentation about proposed improvements to Stage Fort Park. The Mayor has said that she will want public input on this issue. Chris said he will be collecting questions and comments on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp
Secretary