

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 16 August 2017
Gloucester City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Hoglander, Chair
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary
Sinikka Nogelo, Treasurer

Rebecca Reynolds
Catherine Ryan
Chris Sicuranza, Mayor's Representative

GUESTS:

Ruthanne (Rufus) Collinson

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

Josh Sheridan
Intern, Seaside Sustainability

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Judith received unanimous consent to rearrange the agenda to take up the Poet Laureate matter first, the Drain smART proposal second, then the rest of the regular agenda.

POET LAUREATE

Judith introduced Rufus Collinson, a past Poet Laureate of Gloucester, and stated that the Mayor has designated Ms. Collinson as the Mayor's representative for the current Poet Laureate selection panel. Ms. Collinson said she is very pleased to participate in this year's selection process and is looking forward to that work. Judith noted that with the Mayor's representative now appointed, the selection panel is complete and she will move quickly to get them convened.

DRAIN SMART

Judith relayed information from Chris: City General Counsel Chip Payson still needs the full list of locations, but the City has no legal objection to the proposal. Eric Magers of Seaside Sustainability said they would forward the list to the City. He introduced Josh Sheridan, an intern at Seaside Sustainability who will be working directly on this project. It was agreed that Seaside Sustainability would forward each proposal, with the design (or a description and an example of the artist's previous work) and the location to Rebecca who would forward it to all Committee members for review. Rebecca then will coordinate getting Committee approval for that selection and responding back to Seaside Sustainability.

After a short discussion, a motion, made by Robert and seconded by Rebecca, to approve the Drain SmART Project consistent with the proposal and additional information submitted to the Committee by Seaside Sustainability, Inc., subject to coordination with the Office of the Mayor, the City's General Counsel, and the Department of Public Works, and subject to Committee review and approval of each proposed storm drain design and location was approved unanimously by the Committee. The Committee agreed that this project would be highlighted on the Committee's webpage.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 6 JUNE AND 19 JULY 2017 MEETINGS

Hold for the September meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sinikka presented the report, noting the following changes since the last report in April:

- \$4,000 FY 2017 City appropriation, although she still did not have the account number.
- The unused \$1,670 from the 2016 appropriation was returned to the City.
- The new expense of \$520 for photographing the two City Hall Mayoral portraits.

Not showing in the report is \$82 that she deposited that day. A motion by Robert, seconded by Judith, to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

TRAILS AND SAILS

Judith reminded Committee members that the City Hall mural tours will be Saturday, 23 September, Noon – 3:00. Judith, Catherine, and Robert said they would be available to participate.

CITY HALL ART REPAIRS

Rebecca reported that Robert Shure of Skylight Studios will be coming to City Hall to examine the City Hall bronze plaques to be able to submit an estimate for the repatination work. He has suggested finishing before Veterans Day, so that the plaques can be displayed during the holiday observances. The plan is to do all six of the City hall bronze reliefs. It was agreed that we need to approach the Mayor with regard to this project to see if she can assist in getting the scaffolding donated.

Regarding the City Hall Mayoral paintings, there was a detailed discussion centering on views on the degree of deterioration (paint actively coming off but perhaps still robust and stable) and method of storage (flat or vertical). The plan is to fold restoration work into the second phase of the City Hall mural project, and the issue is how and where to store the paintings until that can occur. Cape Ann Museum has committed to store the paintings but wants outside insurance coverage. Judith said we need to find out what coverage the City already has or can get. The Committee agreed we are actively attempting to stabilize the paintings, explore storage, fold the restoration work in with the mural project, and ensure a backup plan. Judith will pursue the insurance questions and further discuss these issues with Cape Ann Museum.

As approved at the meeting on 20 Sep 17

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC ART POLICY

The Committee reviewed where we are in the process of developing a new ordinance. Robert will circulate the most recent draft, and the Committee will review at the next meeting our next steps.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp
Secretary