

As approved at the meeting on 17 Jan 18

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 20 December 2017
Gloucester City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Rebecca Reynolds
Catherine Ryan

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MEMBER ABSENT:

Chris Sicuranza, Mayor's Representative

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 20 SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING

A motion by Rebecca, seconded by Sinikka, to approve the minutes, as revised, of the 26 October 2017 meeting was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sinikka reported that the only change from the previous report was that she had recorded Judith's donation in kind of the \$91.76 cost of copying for the Poet Laureate selection process. A motion by Rebecca, seconded by Robert, to approve the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

POET LAUREATE

Judith reported that the Committee's recommendation of Philip Storey to be Poet Laureate of Gloucester has been forwarded to the Mayor for her approval.

CITY HALL ART REPAIRS – BRONZE PLAQUES

Rebecca reported that there has been some delay with the project, so it could not be accomplished by Veterans Day. The work on the smaller plaque on the landing will be starting after New Year's Day and is expected to be finished by the end of February. Then the work will be reviewed to determine whether to proceed with the larger plaques.

CITY HALL MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT

Catherine reported that the RFP is being held while efforts continue to interest a college/university conservation center to be involved in the work. Catherine is in the process of talking with several centers, but no decisions have yet been made.

DRAIN SMART

Judith raised the idea of talking with the Ward Councilors about getting residents in the wards involved, in whatever way the Councilors think is appropriate, in the site selection and design selection process. She would like to get a commitment in January from the Ward Councilors regarding some type of involvement. She said there is a need to more clearly define the various roles of the Committee, Seaside Sustainability, and the Councilors and residents.

There was general agreement by the Committee to this approach (including getting the school principals involved with respect to art students), and all agreed that Seaside Sustainability and Eric Magers still would be responsible for getting the work done and for supervising the artists. The Committee agreed that we need to ask Eric to write up a proposal that can be sent to the Ward Councilors. Then, once we have ward residents involved, we can get a group of them and DPW together under the guidance of one or more Committee members to review proposed sites and designs, subject to final approval of the Committee.

Judith said that, by the first of the year, the Committee should send the letter to Eric outlining the plan and asking him to prepare a proposal for the Ward Councilors. Catherine agreed to contact Eric regarding this, so that we can get his feedback before the Committee's next meeting on 17 January.

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE COMMITTEE

Judith said that the person she has talked with about becoming a member of the Committee still is interested, but apparently has not yet sent the needed letters to the Mayor. Judith will invite the person to attend a Committee meeting to become better acquainted with the projects with which the Committee is involved. Rebecca mentioned that she is trying to find young musicians who might have an interest in the Committee's work.

INSURANCE ON THE WINTER PORTRAIT

In view of Chris' absence, it was agreed to hold this item until the January meeting.

Judith noted that she will be absent for the 21 February meeting. At Judith's request, Rebecca agreed to chair that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary