

Salem Public Art Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6:30 pm

Roll Call

Members Present: Kurt Ankeny-Beauchamp, Norene Gachignard, Janine Liberty, and Carly Naik Dwyer. Also present: Tia Cole, recording clerk; Brennan Corrison, staff planner and interim staff for Public Art Commission.

Note: John Andrews was not in attendance, but provided notes that were read by Carly Dwyer Naik. (Where “Andrews” is noted below, this is a note from John Andrews that was read by Carly Dwyer Naik.)

Update by King Lear performances by The Bard Brigade

- At 289 Derby, there were about 200 people in attendance
- There was some heckling from across the river (??)
- There was only verbal permission about being at 289 Derby because there is no formalized process.
- Dwyer Naik suggests having an RFP next year for additional performing arts
- More lead time is needed between suggested artists and PAC
- Derby Square lighting is difficult at night. Ankeny-Beauchamp suggests a theatre kit for PA/Lighting
- 289 Derby was a better space for performance art; the atmosphere was more comfortable.

Update on Artists’ Row

- Selection of new tenant by Artists’ Row Subcommittee has been postponed to Thursday, August 22.

Artists’ Row Plan Discussion

- Dwyer Naik suggested waiting for the new arts planner
- Gachignard suggested that the lease agreements be reviewed
- Tenants should be contacted to see if there is interest for next year
- Old RFP should be reviewed
- Andrews
 - Would like to see the RFP sent before next year
 - Is this the final year for tenants?
 - Will we be able to move forward without a planner?

FY20 Budget Discussion

- Andrews: revolving account from Artists’ Row – budget status?

Crossing Water

- Andrews suggests PAC provide \$1000 for distribution and that he will take leadership on this project

Dwyer Naik made a motion to approve \$1000 in funding for Crossing Water. Liberty seconded the motion.

Discussion: PAC would like details as to how the money is spent.

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Discussion of Toolkit for Artists Looking to Make Public Art in Salem

- Andrews and Dwyer Naik have learned with their programming experience that a clear path needs to be laid out for the public looking to activate public spaces (with art)
- A second part of it is a toolkit to gain sponsorship
- Corrison suggests utilizing the routing forms in City Hall as a starting point

Discussion of Public Art Inventory, Including Council Chambers

- Project done by Don Daly – moving slowly
- Dan from Lightshed Photography took photos; they are on shared drive
- Outdoor public art has been photographed on Trello
- Story mapping has started but has not progressed very far; is seen as work for the Public Art Planner once they are hired

Other Business

- Keep programming or tenants in Old Town Hall
- What items do we want in the budget
- PAC should review the 2013 Master Public Art Plan and prioritize from that
- Mission Statement next month
- Vice Chair should be assigned

Public Comments

None

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Ankeny-Beauchamp made a motion to adjourn. Dwyer Naik seconded. The vote is 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.