

Salem Public Art Commission
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

Members Present: Norene Gachignard, John Andrews, Janine Liberty, Kurt Ankeny-Beauchamp, Carly Naik Dwyer, Emily Larsen, J Michael Sullivan, and Kate Luchini, Staff Planner for Art & Culture.

Approval of March and May Minutes

Liberty made a motion to approve. Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion passes: 4 in favor, 1 abstaining.

North Shore CDC presentation on South Harbor Garage Mural Proposal

- Ruben from El Punto is presenting a “light painting” for July 7-13
- He provided a photo of the design
- It will be painted in acrylic, not spray paint
- It is an SRA owned building and that have given approval

Gachignard made a motion to approve mural, seconded by Sullivan.

Motion passes: 5 in favor.

PAC 2020 budget updates and discussion

- PAC budget will go to \$25,000
- There may be \$25,000 for the MBTA project
- A facilities manager will be hired
- Review of LOGO options for Old Town Hall
- Luchini suggested partnering with local public school giving “mini grant” for art projects
- There's possibly \$100,000 for Riverwalk

New portrait will be needed in Old Town Hall

- The request was for a Native American portrait
- Andrews suggested working with Mass Center for Native American Awareness

Transition Plan

- In that budget hurdle, the PAC was awarded \$25,000 for the MBTA underpass
- The City is hiring a facilities person, which will eventually alleviate like Old Town Hall. Artists' Row issues. There have been multiple discussions with Tom Devine: he is dividing up Luchini's responsibilities in the interim.
- Brennan Corrison, who couldn't come tonight, will be the PAC staffer. Super nice guy. I met with him today I'll connect everybody via email.

- Tom Devine is in charge of Artists Row for the time being because he has the most knowledge of that.
- Darya Mattes, the Conservation Commission staffer, is going to work on project managing the temporary mural, the window banners and Higginson.
- Sarah Cahill will oversee the Old Town Hall rentals.

Other Business

Don Daily Public Art Archive

- Large amount of data has been collected
- Andrews will be the contact person for this when Luchini leaves

Overpass replacement mural

- Being designed by Emily Larsen
- Very difficult to remove
- Future projects should have a plan for installation, maintenance and removal.

Public Comments

Salem Resident would like to purchase Mural Slam mural.

- Luchini will research how to sell public property
- Andrews suggested giving the mural to the artist so they can in turn sell it.

Adjourn

Sullivan made the motion to adjourn; Ankeny-Beauchamp seconded. Motion to adjourn approved at 8:13 pm.