

Brattleboro Town Arts Committee

February 9, 2016

Hannah Cosman Room

Minutes prepared by Douglas Cox

Meeting called to order at 8:06 am

Members present: Adam Salviani (chair), Kate Anderson, Douglas Cox (scribe), Hugh Keelan, T. Namaya (via speaker-phone), Donna Macomber (Selectboard liaison)

Motion to approve minutes from December

Approved 5-0

No public participation

Update/Discussion of Activities of other Organizations:

Salviani reported on meeting with Sarah Mutrux of the Vermont Arts Council and they are very interested in and supportive of the Town Promotional Committee and the Funding for Artists initiative. They would like to use these as models for other communities.

Anderson reported that the Latchis Group working to develop a platform for promotion and coordination of arts activities is in a holding period. We discussed the usefulness of such a platform and whether TAC should be involved. The following was moved by Cox and tabled by unanimous vote on a motion by Anderson:

"TAC supports the efforts of the Latchis Group to provide a platform for promotion and coordination within the Arts Community. We appoint _____ to serve as our liaison with this effort."

Endorsements:

We discussed whether TAC should endorse particular arts events in Brattleboro. There was discomfort with choosing support for some events and not others. There was also question how this fit into the charge, role, and priorities of TAC. There was unanimous support for the Chairs suggestion that *"our March 8 meeting will be set up primarily to discuss the role of TAC going forward."* Members were encouraged to prepare by reviewing our policy documents.

Promotion Committee:

Salviani reported that he and Dick DeGray presented the proposal, reviewed and endorsed by TAC in January, with Town Manager Peter Elwell. They plan to bring a proposal, possibly with some revisions, to the Select Board in early April. Salviani will send TAC the updated proposal before our March meeting.

Artist Funding Project:

Salviani reported that Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation is interested in being part of this idea. He is developing a proposal with BDCC and will send the results to TAC when appropriate.

Other Business:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am