

## **Brattleboro Town Arts Committee**

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Hanna Cosman Room

Minutes prepared by Douglas Cox

1, **Meeting convened** at 4:02 pm with quorum present

*Members present-* Adam Salviani (Chair), Doug Cox (Vice-Chair), Hugh Keelan, Dale Joy, Scott Castle

*Guests* Tad Montgomery, Scott Borofsky

2, **Motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2016:** approved 5-0-0

3, **Public Participation:** Dale Joy proposed a project to celebrate the Art of Gardening and the beauty of private gardens in Brattleboro through a garden tour connected with Gallery Walk in 2017. She suggested a budget for publicity, prizes and grants of \$1,000 (or more) to be raised privately. It was suggested Dale explore additional support from the Town Agriculture Committee, Downtown Alliance, The Brattleboro Garden Club, and Edible Brattleboro.

**Motion: TAC endorses this concept as presented and asks Dale Joy to develop the idea and prepare a written project description for our September Meeting.** Approved 5-0-0

4, **Highway Art Project**

Tad Montgomery reported that he with Adam Salviani and Douglas Cox are functioning as a team to develop the idea. More team members are being sought.

The Select Board at its July 19 meeting APPROVED THE TOWN ARTS COMMITTEE'S CONTINUED WORK TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF AND DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH A TOWN HIGHWAY ART PROJECT, INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TOWN ARTS COMMITTEE TO WORK SPECIFICALLY ON THIS MATTER

A meeting with Matt Mann of the Windham Regional Commission indicated no obstacles to the installation of art on property not in the right-of-way, in the case of I-91 150' from the center line, or roughly within the fence lines. Mann also recommended keeping WRC, VTrans and the planning department informed of progress with the project.

The next team meeting will be Monday August 29 at 5:00 at the Brattleboro Food Coop. Before that meeting: Montgomery will talk with identified land owners and with artists with pertinent experience, Salviani will gather information about permitting, and Cox will prepare a "call for concepts" The proposed time line is to solicit concepts from September till November and make them available to the public to stimulate interest and more ideas., A more formal request for proposals would be issued in January.

It is unclear if work should continue as an ad-hoc working team, or to form as a subcommittee of TAC. There is also a question if the "call for concepts" should go out from TAC or the team.

**Motion: TAC will meet August 30 to work further on the Highway Art Project and any other business duly warned.** Approved 5-0-0

Borofsky asked that TAC suspend all other work until projects needed to be completed this fall before winter weather are dealt with. Keelan asked that we seriously consider this at our next meeting.

5, **Hannah Cosman Room Art.** Work by Deedee Jones is installed. **TAC approved installations by Carolyn Albee for Sept-Oct, the BUHS art department for November, and Freda Wright for Dec-Jan.** 5-0-0

6: **TAC Arts Award:** Tabled

**7: FEET Painting Project:** The Flat, Elliot, Elm St Triangle group is proposing to have artists paint the telephone poles in its neighborhood. The Planning Department has asked TAC to consider this. Tabled

**8: Harmony Lot Mural Restoration:** Staff changes at Youth Services, the lead in this project, prevented a final proposal for Selectboard action. Borofsky recommends that TAC also consider the restoration and redesign of the adjoining "Postcard form Brattleboro" mural at the same time. Tabled

**9: Public Art Spaces:** Borofsky recommends the installation of a mural by Murray Ngoima in the Transportation Building. He will prepare a 2 page project proposal for consideration by TAC on Aug 30, and subsequent action by the Selectboard.

**9, Quarterly Press Release Review:** Tabled

**10, Discussion of Art Forum:** Tabled

**11, Other Business:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm**