

Brattleboro Town Arts Committee

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Hanna Cosman Room

Minutes prepared by Douglas Cox

1, **Meeting convened** at 4:10 pm with quorum present

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

Guests: Scott Borofsky

2, **Motion to approve the minutes from August 16, 2016:** approved 5-0-0

3, **Public Participation:** Scott Borofsky presented a proposal to paint a red on green abstract of a kneeling human figure on a section of the High-Grove retaining wall. The only expense to the Town would be primer from DPW. **Motion: TAC approves Scott Borofsky's mural proposal for the High-Grove lot retaining wall and encourages the Town to move expeditiously. 4-0-0**

Dale Joy presented a 2 page "Creative Gardening Proposal". Salviani and Joy will discuss the proposal with Peter Elwell after input from relevant groups is collected. It was suggested that naming judges would add substance to the proposal.

4, **Transportation Center Mural Proposal:** Borofsky presented materials supporting the installation of a mural by Murray Ngoima in the Transportation Center waiting room. The mural colorfully depicting automotive themes is painted on plywood. It would be delivered to the site and mounting would be done by Town staff. **Motion: TAC recommends the Town accept the permanent loan of a mural by Murray Ngoima and its installation in the Transportation Center waiting room. Salviani will prepare a proposal for Selectboard action. 4-0-0**

5, **TAC Arts Award:** There was discussion about the scope of Art, nomination and selection process, timing, and linkage to donated material rewards, such as free meals at local restaurants. **Motion: TAC creates an Annual TAC Arts Award and will further consider definition and implementation at future meetings. 4-0-0**

6, **FEET Painting Project:** Tabled for lack of proposal

7, **Harmony Lot Mural Restoration:** Borofsky is moving ahead with power washing and masonry repair of the book mural with permission from the Town. He will keep receipts and present them to Youth Services for reimbursement.

Borofsky has also repainted the "Welcome to Brattleboro" mural. The dumpster in front of the mural still needs to be moved and the area cleaned up and perhaps better lit.

8, **Public Art Spaces:** Salviani will ask Steve Barrett for a current list of locations he feels appropriate and ready for public art.

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

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

11, **Other Business:** Borofsky suggested TAC draft a statement on the power and value of art in Brattleboro.

Salviani suggested that TAC petition for funding from Representative Town Meeting in March, 450 signatures would need to be collected by Jan 27. Funding might be designated for funding new public art and maintaining and publicizing existing public art.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm