

Brattleboro Town Arts Committee

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Hanna Cosman Room

Minutes prepared by Douglas Cox

1, **Meeting convened** at 4:05pm with quorum present

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

Guests: David Schoales (Selectboard) Russell Bradbury-Carlin, Dawn Chattin

2, **Motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2016:** approved 4-0-0. The meeting warned for September 13 did not happen for lack of a quorum

3, **Public Participation:** Russell Bradbury-Carlin, Executive Director of Youth Services, spoke of their goals to have the book mural in Harmony Place remain as a Youth Services project and to have youth involved in the design and execution of the renovation. Salviani will convene a meeting including Bradbury-Carlin and Scott Borofsky to set a schedule and process for the implementation of the project.

4, **Hanna Cosman Room Art:** Joy introduced Dawn Chattin who has lined up a series of artists for the room including members of the Saxtons River Artist Guild, the Vermont Watercolor Society, and Brattleboro-West Arts. Joy is also working on displaying work of students from area schools. They would like more display space in the room and will talk with Peter Elwell about installing an additional hanging rail. They are not currently considering other wall space in the Municipal Center for security reasons. They will look into use of the glass cases on the ground floor of the Municipal Center.

5, **TAC Arts Award:** Following discussion it was decided to continue preparing art recognition proclamations for the Town via Selectboard action on a case-by-case basis, with perhaps 3-4 per year.

6: **Creative Gardens:** Joy reported that she has talked with 4 gardening organizations about participation and plans to have judging done by one judge from each organization and one at large. She and Salviani will run the concept by Peter Elwell and bring a finished proposal to a future TAC meeting.

7: **Selectboard Proposals:** Salviani has prepared proposals for public art installations at the High-Grove lot and the Transportation Center based on August 30 TAC approvals. Schoales reviewed these and suggested more detailed information on the Transportation Center siting. Salviani will present these at the 10/18 Selectboard meeting with the artists present. TAC members are encouraged to attend.

8. **Town Meeting Proposal Discussion:** Salviani suggested that TAC petition for funding from Representative Town Meeting in March, 450 signatures would need to be collected by Jan 17. Funding might be designated for new public art and maintaining and publicizing existing public art. It was recommended that any proposal be very specific, fully developed and have a very high certainty for approval. Schoales suggested TAC take Selectboard members on a tour of public art currently in place. No Action.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

Next Meeting Nov 15 (Nov 8 Election Day)