

Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts

Public Meeting – Minutes

4/6/2022

Call to Order – 7:12 pm

Pledge to the Flag

In attendance – Katie Tiedeman, Corina Oberai, Liz Kormos, Sander Bonvell, kate van buren

Old Business

Planter Art –

Goal – Adorn Village public spaces with Planter Art

Current status - launched in the fall; 3 planters complete. 5 additional planters are made and ready for sale; the committee will make more as we receive orders for them. Heather has working with Curtis Lumber to determine if there will be any donated materials.

Next – 1. Committee hopes to receive ‘seed’ funding from Village budget to pay for the 5 planters. 2. Once the flyer is prepared, kate will canvass the Village. We will give the business/residents a list of artists they can contact as desired to paint their planter.

Banners –

Goal – Committee will approach Village public organizations (BSBPA, BSCSD) with template and process for creating banners for the Village.

Current status – Committee has ~\$151 to spend in 2021-2022 budget (prior to 6/1/2022). Will be used to create an artistic template for organizations wishing to adorn the Village with banners.

Mural on Wiswall Park Wall –

Goal – Add art, in the form of a mural representing indigenous and local history, to Wiswall Park. Garner community participation to complete the project

Current status – received funding (\$5,000) from Saratoga Arts. Contacted project administrator (Kendra Farstad) to begin discussion of the project.

Next – Committee will bring the concept, including community input, and project plan to the Village Board

Website –

Goal – Showcase local artists, art spaces and events

Current status – enhancing site as we receive content

Social Media -

Goal – Showcase local artists, art spaces and events

Current status – in process; posting as we receive content

New Business

NY Open meetings law - Summary

1. In order to keep the public informed, we must **allow** public witness (not participation in); by observing and listening in to deliberations and decisions
2. We must meet in a place where **physical accommodations** are available for the handicapped to attend
3. If we use video conferencing we must **offer a link** for public attendance
4. We must allow broadcasting/recording
5. If we intend to discuss a **document** in a meeting we must make it **available** online or in physical copy to requestors 24 hours prior to the meeting.
6. We must **share the meeting schedule** (including location) publicly, at least 72 hours prior to a meeting. Best – on our website. Preferred to share the **agenda** also.
7. **Executive Sessions** (portions of a meeting not open to the general public) are acceptable for these topics:
 - a. Matters which may imperil public safety
 - b. Matters which may disclose the identify of a law enforcement agent or informer
 - c. Information about investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense
 - d. Discussions about proposed, pending or current litigation
 - e. Collective negotiations (e.g., civil service law)
 - f. Medical, financial, credit, performance, or employment history of a person or organization
 - g. Preparation, grading, or administration of exams
 - h. Acquisition, sale or lease of real property, securities – when it would affect the value
8. **Minutes** – must be taken at meetings AND executive sessions (about a vote); must include the date of discussion; must be

made available within 1 week of executive session and 2 weeks of the public meeting

Budget update

2021-2022 budget – As above, there is \$151 available allocated to banners; usable with purchase order prior to 5/1/2022.

2022-2023 budget - The public hearing on the 2022-2023 budget is scheduled for 4/11. Vote is scheduled for 4/25.

Membership –

Current Status – we have 5 confirmed members on this committee: Katie Tiedeman, Corina Oberai, Cathy Hackert, Kate van Buren, Ashley Bush (replacing Heather). Corina has resigned her co-chair-person-ship. In the Fall of 2021 we requested to increase committee size (up to 15) in order to share the work. Committee will revisit size and officer identification process.

Committee Mission – (no change)

To foster and advance artistic and creative efforts in the Village's public spaces in order to enrich and enhance the quality of life in our community.

Committee Scope –

Current Status – 2 roles:

1. Act as advisor to the Village regarding art; providing oversight and approval to art in public spaces. To do this we need an application process, including portfolio and concept review.
2. Showcase local (12020) art, artists, and art spaces. To do this we will focus on the digital art community, using the website and social media platforms.

Public Meeting logistics -

- 1st Wednesday of each month
- @ Library Community Room
- Public meetings will emphasize interacting with 12020 artists and gallery owners to understand how to better serve them.

Public Comment (incorporated in notes)

Adjourn 8:30pm