

Public Arts Commission of Oxford
Oxford Municipal Building
First Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 4:30PM

Minutes of the meeting

Present: Steve Sullivan, Chair; Edna Southard, Vice-Chair; Robert Benson, Recording Secretary; Carole Katz, Norm Krumpe, Joe Prescher
Absent: Stefanie Hilles (Excused. This was her last meeting after her resignation from the commission.)

1. The meeting of the Public Arts Commission of Oxford (PACO) was **called to order by Chair Steve Sullivan at 4:41PM.**

2. The **Agenda was approved.**

3. The **Minutes of the June 8, 2021 PACO virtual meeting were approved.**

4. Old Business

A. Discussion of PACO's "Vision Statement"

Bob Benson and Carole Katz were a subcommittee tasked with conceiving and writing the PACO Vision Statement. The draft of the statement was sent out by e-mail to the members and printed copies were available at the meeting.

As principal writer, Bob went through the statement paragraph by paragraph, explained how he and Carole had formulated it. The effort was to look to the future but to rely on what had already been established in terms of policy and procedure during our first three years.

The commission entered into a lively discussion about the draft, making some valuable revisions, and ultimately voted unanimously to accept it.

During the discussion, members suggested that PACO needs a permanent intern like Waverly Dooling to help us with our projects. It was suggested that Steve Sullivan speak with Jessica Greene about such a possibility.

Members were also excited about the idea of forming citizen committees to organize projects that PACO would like to generate, such as festivals.

It was noted that departing member Stefanie Hilles was the administrator of the PACO Google Drive and that we should determine if we could make a current member the administrator.

It was also suggested that PACO study the map of Oxford that we set up by Andrew Wilson prior to his resignation from the municipal administration. The map is on the city web site and could be a way for us to determine potential sites for art.

B. Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan update.

No new information was brought to the table. This will become a topic for discussion at the August meeting.

C. Update on current projects (including Freedom Summer Mural and the bike rack project)

There was unanimous approval for hanging Ella Cope's mural on the Municipal Building.

Members were asked to reach out to any potential entrants for the bike rack project.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Member Announcements

With the loss of Stefanie Hilles, members are asked to encourage potential commission members to apply to the Council for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.44PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Benson, Recording Secretary