

Public Arts Commission of Oxford
Thursday, February 12, 2019, 4:30PM
Oxford Municipal Building
First Floor Conference Room

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

Edna Southard, Council Rep., Vice-chair	Stefanie Hilles
Robert Benson, Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Huddleston
Joe Prescher	Norm Krumpe

Absent:

Steve Sullivan, Chair

The meeting of the Public Arts Council of Oxford (PACO) was **called to order by Vice-Chair Edna Southard at 4:31PM.**

The **Agenda** was approved.

The **Minutes of the January 8 meeting** were approved as corrected.

Old Business

A. Creation of the RFP for art at the new Aquatic Center

Joe Prescher expressed concerns about several aspects of the draft proposed for the RFP.

Discussion ensued to debate whether the RFP was directed toward actual local artists who whether it was intended to attract regional and national artists instead.

Discussion also focused on the question of how received proposals would be funded, whether a budget had been established so that interested artists could judge the scope of their projects, and whether there was clear support from grants to be sought or from the Oxford Community Foundation (OCF). Sources of funding to be explored include the possible creation of a local percent for art requirement for new business construction, the need to work with OCF to solicit gifts to fund public art, and the need to become familiar with the Ohio Arts Council (OAC) as a source of grants. Bob Benson agreed to contact OAC and do some related searches on the internet.

B. Ella Cope's Girl Scout Gold Award Project "Changemakers of Oxford" Mural

Joe Prescher provided a brief summary of the progress Ella Cope had made:

- a grant of \$1000 from the W.E. Smith Family Charitable Trust to support the mural she is planning.
- Consultation with Gilman's Hardware who helped her develop an itemized budget with exact costs of \$900.

- Creation of a Memorandum of Understanding with owner Kim Peterka for locating the mural on the west facing wall of Ms. Peterka's building at 119 W. High Street.
- an agreement from D.S. Dewitt Construction company to donate their services for installing the mural.

- Ella also has defined plans and a timeline for a Call for Artists to participate and her intention to have one of the artists serve as the director of the mural to work with a group of volunteer painters.

- OCAC has also agreed to collaborate with her on an official opening at the Second Friday event to be held on June 14.

Members of PACO were pleased to see this commendable project undertaken in such a professional way; and eagerly anticipate its completion and official opening.

C. Market archway

Joe Prescher reported that this project is still in the planning stages.

D. Enjoy Oxford Project

This project seems to be moving forward under the guidance of Jessica Greene, Executive Director of Enjoy Oxford. She will soon be ready for PACO to review received proposals for window projects for vacant storefronts.

E. Online submission form for RFP by Grace Huddleston

Artists planning to propose designs in response to our RFP for art at the Aquatic Center will be able to use a GoogleForms submission form that will be posted on the City web site. The commission members complimented Grace enthusiastically about this digital submission process.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Benson, Recording Secretary