

Art Speak Arts Board Meeting and Collaborative Planning Session
8/19/13

Approval of July minutes – Robin A made a motion to accept the minutes, Alan seconded, it was a unanimous positive vote.

Thank you letters to the City Council. Emma will assign this task to the board.

Anna gave the treasurer's report. Gave an update for July and August. Cathy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Alan seconded, it was unanimous positive vote.

Discussed buying something for A-S - does Emma need to buy this on her own and then get reimbursed by the city? Yes at this point.

We will bring this up with Nancy C to try to find a solution. We would need some bylaws regarding this issue.

*Ask Terry if we can use A-S funds to pay Emma for Arts Alliance meetings

Website update from Emma – Cultural Commission of Greater Birmingham has a great website, this is something we would like to model. We could try to get a sponsor for this effort.

This seems like a good time to do a website refresh. Emma has someone in mind and will get more information for our next meeting. Could there be some funding from the Portsmouth Economic Development Council?

Emma – updated the website with new content

- researched different art's alliances around the country
- seacoast business expo - \$250 cost for a booth – hopefully expose the business community to what A-S does – probably not worth it this year. Emma could go and drop off business cards to the different businesses
- Emma will look into creating a folder with information about A-S and the economic impact of supporting the arts

Board Recruitment Update – Robin got a reference from a Seacoast Leadership alum. M L Geffert is interested, was a past board

member. She is a lawyer, which we do not have on the board at this moment.

*Emma will invite her to the next board meeting and the Sept. 18th meeting.

*Debbie ?? is a marketing person and has worked at museums and is interested in becoming a board member. Maybe could be on a public art committee since the Public Art Guidelines are almost done.

Robin will send Debbie's info to Emma.

*Emma will invite her to the next board meeting

Emma met with a lawyer who went to art school but has worked in the technology field. Her name is Elizabeth Garner and is retired.

*Emma will invite her to the next board meeting and the September 18th Art's Alliance meeting.

% for Art/Art in Public Update – Nancy C gave us info about a wall near a new parking lot in the Rock Creek area, at the new Heinemann parking lot.

We are close to finishing the public guidelines and there will be specific guidelines on what the steps are for public art. There will be an application online and a process to follow.

*One of the % for Art Committee Members will contact the people who want to do the public mural in the Rock Creek area. Nancy C will send the contact info to Emma and Emma will get this to the committee.

Cathy gave an update on the % for Art Committee Guidelines and this document should be ready soon.

Update on the Committee Intern and the Public Art mapping project.

Creative Communities Network update. Cathy and Nancy P have gone to a couple of meetings. They (Nancy P and Cathy) have been tasked, from the committee, of figuring out what would work for the state of the arts in NH.

Nancy P went to a meeting of the meeting of the African American Burial Grounds. They will be having an Oct. meeting and want a big splashy event to mark the anniversary of when they found the remains. Could A-S help in some way??