



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, September 3 at 6 pm
Town Hall Council Chambers

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Debra Smith, Pam Myers-Morgan, Justin Glazebrook, Morgan Santos, Shannon Culpepper Aimee Gigandet, Ben Buckley & Sue Anne Bottomley. Missing: Ben Reeder & Bart McDonough

Minutes of 8/6/24 accepted unanimously

Welcome new alternate member Sue Anne Bottomley

August Financial Report accepted unanimously

Old Business

1. Willey House Park Project Update

- a. Final Mural Design- revisions requested to final file: add: book title to book, add owl and black border between photo frame and final edge. Motion to disburse final \$2000 payment to artist, Alex Edgerly by Pam & Shannon. Motion unanimously approved.
- b. Discussion of "Key" to accompany mural focused on including reference to "I Spy" images hidden in mural along with grant provider logos. Maximum sign size recommended 16"x20" at maximum cost of \$250. Motion unanimously approved. Pam recommended that a QR Code be added to sign which will link to audio description of mural by artist for visually impaired. Debra to draft copy for sign which will be sent via email to Commission for final approval by end of week. Mural to be installed September 25-26 by AMI Graphics. Revised estimate with key and Eversource transformer box magnet to be requested.
- c. Community Engagement Interweave Mosaic Canvas Prints- Motion to proceed with creation of three canvas prints for display at library, Sunrise Center & Parks & Recreation. Target expenditure is \$500 with maximum of \$700 by Shannon & Morgan. Motion unanimously approved. Expense to be charged to remaining balance of LRAC grant and Fundraising Trust account.
- d. Willey House Landscape Proposal- Discussion of tables and chairs for park and landscaping recommendations received from landscape designers & nurseries. Motion to proceed with purchase of a tree up to \$185 by Pam & Justin. Motion unanimously approved. Aimee recommended purchase of chess table/tables if budget could bear by Parks & Recreation budget. This addition will align with Newmarket's NH Chess Association flagship designation. Aimee to investigate best option. Suggestion unanimously endorsed.
- e. Unveiling Event- Sept. 28 Scheduled for 10am. Invite to be distributed via email & social media. Motion to reimburse mini art gallery construction costs up to \$100 by Pam & Justin.

Motion unanimously approved. Draft agenda reviewed. Indigenous element not yet confirmed. Recommended reaching out to Heather Hatada-Boyd at library for suggestions. Aimee to provide microphone and speakers.

2. **Master Plan-** Survey Results Review & Public Input Meeting Planning (Sept. 14). Debra solicited volunteers for the event. Pam volunteered. Discussed Strafford Planning's suggestion that we solicit community input regarding Elm St. mural renovation. Commission unanimously agreed this would not be appropriate or valuable input at this time. Instead, we will solicit community input regarding historic people, places & events which people want to learn more about via public art and/or events. Pam to provide pictures, Shannon to create banner. Strafford Planning to reimburse banner printing cost.

New Business

1. WMUR Newmarket Interview- Artist Among Us Pocket Park & Mini Art Gallery (Aug. 26). Erin Fehlau interviewed Debra, Natasha Dikareva & Sue Anne Bottomley in Artist Among Us Pocket Park. Then she went on to Riverworks, Good JuJu's, Watershed & Sprinkled on Main. Segment date not yet known, but hope that they will come back to tape the mural unveiling for show.
2. **2025-26 Budget** – Project Proposal (members bring ideas)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm. Next meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Debra Smith