

Public Arts and Culture Committee

Thursday, December 9, 2021
7:00-8:30 pm

Mastrangelo Council Chamber
2nd floor, City Hall
Watertown, MA

Minutes

In attendance: Dawn Evans Scaltreto, Carole Katz, Roberta Miller, Erin Webb, Leah Craig, Archy LaSalle, Sally Young, May Cort, Kara O'Neil, Liz Helfer, Janet M. Murphy

Via Zoom: Steve Magoon, MAPC staff: Emma Boast, Claudia Zarazua, Archana Menon

Visiting: Vincent Piccirilli, Caroline Bays, Laurel Schwab

1. Introductions
 - a. Liz Helfer – new Public Arts & Culture Planner
 - b. Erin Webb – development and art history
 - c. Roberta Miller – Mosesian Center for the Arts
 - d. Archy LaSalle – Photographer and educator, brought up diversity and inclusion
 - e. Leah Craig – interrelated media and educator, seconded values of inclusion
 - f. Carole Katz – marketing and community development, brought up inclusion of native peoples
2. Pause to complete Swearing-In of committee members by City Clerk, Janet M. Murphy
3. Introductions cont'd
 - a. Sally Young – long history of involvement, Loeb foundation, brought up current art project: YardArt
 - b. May Cort – interested in animation and greater involvement
 - c. Kara O'Neil – taking AP art and excited to learn more
 - d. Dawn Evans Scaltreto – arts activist, creates public art and educator
 - e. Steve Magoon – Director, Community Development & Planning Department
 - f. MAPC Staff – Emma Boast, Arts & Culture Fellow; Claudia Zarazua, supporting; Archana Menon, new Arts & Culture Fellow
 - g. Laurel Schwab – Planner who ushered the Public Arts Master Plan across the finish line
4. Overview of Open Meeting Law by Steve Magoon with additions from Liz Helfer
5. History of the Public Arts Master plan and the resolution that formed the committee and Public Arts & Culture Planner position by Steve Magoon with additions from Liz Helfer
6. Overview of committee responsibilities, roles within the committee, and role of the Public Arts & Culture Planner by Liz Helfer
7. Committee came to a consensus to choose roles within the committee and decided to table a full discussion of general operating procedure to the next meeting. Council members Piccirilli and Bays clarified necessary quorum for voting.
 - a. Chair – Roberta Miller
 - b. Vice Chair – Archy LaSalle
 - c. Secretary – Dawn Evans Scaltreto

8. Overview by MAPC Arts & Culture staff on MAPC role in implementing the Public Arts Master Plan
9. Liz Helfer introduced items for committee members to think about before the next meeting:
 - a. Review Open Meeting Law Guidelines
 - b. Review Conflict of Interest Law
 - c. Review Public Arts Master Plan
 - d. Short and long-term committee goals
10. Liz Helfer led a discussion to decide a monthly meeting day and time
 - a. Consensus on 4th Mondays of the month at 6 PM in the 3rd Floor Conference Room in the Watertown Administration Building
11. Thank you and goodnight