

Watertown Public Arts and Culture Committee
Monday, June 27, 2022, 6:00-7:30 pm
3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, Watertown, MA
Zoom link: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/89677945000>
Meeting ID: 896 7794 5000 Call in: +16465588656

Minutes

In attendance (all virtual): Roberta Miller, Archy LaSalle, Carole Katz, Leah Craig, Erin Webb, Sally Young, Liz Helfer, Abbey Judd (MAPC), Archana (MAPC), two visitors whose names weren't clear from their Zoom profiles.

1. Opening
 - a. Moment of silence for the victims of ongoing gun violence (Roberta)
 - b. Land stewards of North America acknowledgement (Archy)
2. Approval of May minutes –
 - a. Unanimous vote
3. Donations in honor of Janet Jameson: close to \$1400 (Liz)
4. Report on June 7th gathering of Watertown Cultural Leaders
 - a. 29 attendees from 16 organizations
 - b. Will meet 3 times annually
 - c. Notes from PACC attendees: lot of energy in the room
5. Timeline Overview (Roberta)
6. Subcommittee reports
 - a. Designating Chairpersons for each subcommittee
 - i. Responsible to scheduling subcommittee meetings, taking notes, and reporting back
 - ii. Roberta will reach out to member individually
 - b. Youth Representative Strategy (May, Kara, Liz)
 - i. May and Kara are effectively done with the PACC
 - ii. Suggestion from many to make a Members Handbook in addition to the Youth Handbook
 - c. Outreach (Erin)
 - i. Will meet again soon
 - d. Ordinance & Funding (Roberta)
 - i. Ongoing work with the MAPC
 - e. Community Events (Carole, Dawn)
 - i. Watertown Pride success! Over 1400 attendees, many rainbow ribbon wands
 - ii. Thank you, Carole!
 - iii. Plans for Watertown Arts Market – will meet soon
 - iv. Plans for Faire on the Square – hosting an Arts & Culture table that includes other orgs
 - f. Community Sculpture Walk (Leah, Erin, Archy, Liz)
 - i. Vote to approve of New England Sculptors Association MoA – unanimous
 - ii. Draft of Call for Art will be ready for review in July
 - iii. Project webpage has been created to coincide with official launch of the Call for Art
 - g. Edible Watertown (Sally)
 - i. NEA Projects Grant will be submitted by July 15th
 - ii. Project webpage has been created to coincide with official launch of the pilot project
 - iii. Vote to approve the pilot Call for Artists “Edible Watertown: Plants of Our Past” for dissemination starting 6/28/22 - unanimous
7. Update on the Artist Workspace Survey (Liz)
 - a. 67 responses so far – encourage your networks to give their feedback!

- i. 20+ follow up interviews
- b. Is already being put to use - fun statistics:
 - i. Surveyed artists spend slightly less time working on their art each week (21 hours) than they do in their studios (24 hours), but the sweet spot is desired at 21+ hours
 - ii. Current studios spaces average 280 sq ft (with one dance studio outlier at 5000 sq ft) and there exists a desire for an average of a 600 sq ft space
 - iii. Surveyed artists currently spend an average of \$560 per month on studio space (again with the dance studio outlier) but would like to see that reduced to an average of \$440

8. Adjourned