

Final

**CITY OF LEBANON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES, June 22, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers & LebanonNH.gov/Live
6:30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT (7/10): **Bill Dunn** (EDC Rep.)
 Devin Wilkie (Heritage Commission Rep.)
 Ben Van Vliet (Arts Org. Rep.-UVMC)
 Karen Zook (City Council Rep.)
 Jessica Giordani (Chair; Citizen Rep. Ward 3)
 Sherry Fiore (Alt.)
 Gavin Wynkoop-Fischer (Citizen Rep., Ward 2)

MEMBERS ABSENT: (3/10) Nick Gaffney (Arts Org. Rep.-AVA Gallery)
 Joe Clifford (Vice Chair; Arts Org. Rep.-LOH)
 Becky Foster (Citizen Rep., Ward 1)

STAFF PRESENT: (1/2) Kristine Flythe (Program Coordinator, Leb. Rec),
 Absent: Paul Coats (Director, Leb. Rec.)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Giordani called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

A. City Manager Mullholland reviewed in-person meeting procedures.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 22, 2021

MOTION to Approve and Accept the minutes for the May 22, 2021 was made by Mr. Wilkie. Seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Wilkie: Only note is to correct page 3, lines 8 & 9 to spell councilor as counselor for consistency.

No further discussion.

MOTION to Approve as amended all present voted yes. Abstention by Mrs. Fiore.

***The Motion was approved (6/0) and recorded by Mrs. Flythe.**

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Point of clarification that Alternate Member Mrs. Fiore was appointed to fulfill the seat of Mrs. Foster.

B. Welcome Gavin Wynkoop-Fisher (Citizen Rep. Ward 2) (Chair Giordani)
Official welcome to the Arts & Culture Commission.

C. Mask Discussion (B. Van Vliet)
Mr. Van Vliet: Opened discussion on mask use for indoor meetings and spaces. The discussion revolving around and understanding the context of knowing that there are

community members that fall in the low risk or the high risk category and to be thoughtful that at least for a few more months for the A&C commission members to wear masks while indoors regardless of vaccination to ensure we are practicing a more welcoming and comfortable environment for everyone.

Counselor Zook, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer, Mrs. Fiore, Mr. Dunn, and Chair Giordani: All echoed similar feelings of support, compassion, respect and understanding for the request.

Chair Giordani: Will communicate to those who were unable to attend tonight's meeting that for future meetings and until folks are comfortable to wear a mask while conducting in-person meetings inside.

D. Mural Project (J.Clifford) – No Report

E. NEXUS Festival (J.Clifford) – No Report

F. Rainworks (B.Dunn)

Mr. Dunn: Shared with the commission that he and Staff Member Flythe did the first test application in front of the City Hall bus stop on 6/17. The stencil, weather, and traffic was all perfect for the application to adhere and take perfectly.

The second application in West Lebanon on 6/21 had many different factors with weather and traffic kicking up debris. In addition rain came in and diluted the effectiveness of the Rainworks. In the ideal setting it is allowed to dry for 24 hours. However it was still able to be tested and it still looks good just not as crisp.

Mr. Van Vliet: Shared his own experience with his kids and feedback given to him was animals or a frog would be something fun to see.

G. Sidewalk Poetry Project (B.Foster/K.Flythe)

Giordani: DPW shared there is possibility for concrete sidewalks for the Spencer Street project this fall. Now would be a great time to start thinking about how we could kick off the Poetry Project.

Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer: Shared that he had been thinking of alternate ways to create the form instead of investing \$400 dollars per form per poem. In addition could you incorporate the person that wrote the poem to help install?

Chair Giordani: It would be worth trying a little experimenting to see if ideas could work.

H. Fundraising (D.Wilkie):

Mr. Wilkie will be speaking with the Friends of Leb. Rec. at the next meeting and discuss various fundraising opportunities. In addition if the commission has ideas to send his way.

I. ADM-136 Public Art Policy (K.Flythe):

Mrs. Flythe shared that the final policy was sent out last Friday to all city staff. Making it official.

J. Tunnel Update (N.Gaffney):

Mrs. Flythe was able to share that a jury has been selected and only a few more members needed.

Chair Giordani: Encouraged folks to share the grand opening on July 8th and share the opening to support those artists that submitted to install art in the tunnel.

K. Coalition Building (N.Gaffney): No Report

L. Mall Kiosk (J.Giordani): No Report

- a. Chair Giordani: Shared news related to the mall that Lalo's Taqueria is interested in putting a mural on his section/side of the building.
- b. Mr. Van Vliet: Asked if anyone knew of the digital signs being installed on the mall?
- c. Counselor Zook: Shared that digital signs is something that is happening. In addition there is talk of offering businesses the opportunity to adopt and care for a traffic island.
- d. Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer: Shared the idea of landscaping or gardening considered a form of art. In addition the beautification of parks and promotion of the indigenous communities that do exist and talk more about community crops and leaning into the culture side of A&C and history with heritage crops/stewardship.
- e. Counselor Zook, Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer, Mr. Wilkie and Chair Giordani: Talked about other community groups or organization that could help with this idea above and also consider the idea of 3d art on the islands.

M. Instagram Traps (K.Flythe)

Mrs. Flythe: Discuss more about creating an Instagram trap as this could be a really great project for A&C. Maybe a partnership with Friends of Leb. Rec.

Chair Giordani: Had the idea that maybe LaLo's could be interested.

N. Packard Covered Bridge Lights (J.Giordani)

Chair Giordani: Shared an update that Tad Montgomery has been working on the possibility of LED lights with color could be installed on the Packard Covered Bridge. Ultimately he is in the process of proposing but would like A&C to think about it and the possibilities.

O. Giving Credit (Mr. Dunn)

Mr. Dunn: Asked if it would be ok to connect with the designer that created the LebArtways logo to further the A&C mission of giving and sharing the opportunity with artists for exposure, but also to build their portfolio.

P. Busking (Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer)

Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer: Asked A&C if busking is allowed as he was unable to find policy on it. If this is something that is allowed would A&C want to be part of a permitting process or would we prefer to create a culture that is self supporting and art/provide atmosphere. Making Lebanon a place that folks can gather and could be more enlivened. Encourage folks to come out and share. Including the UVMC.

Mr. Van Vliet: Our mission is to get people making music. We have had students do a sing and play festival. It is a celebration of music making and not professionals and it started with those most involved and there is potential for that to grow next year.

Q. Friends or 501c3:

Mrs. Flythe: What is the plan for A&C's fiscal agent? Is it Friends of Leb. Rec. versus 501(c)3: Clarification of going with friends of Leb. Rec. to be our fiscal agent to better align with the Department clarified by Chair Giordani.

R. Heritage Camera:

Counselor Zook: Shared she put in a request at the Library for a 360 degree camera. It will be there and available for use from Kilton Library.

S. Digital Signs:

Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer: Digital signs that the commission could petition for a slide/side/rotation.

Mr. Dunn: Shared that there will be a process for how many see an advertisement, but A&C could make a request. Plus shared that if this is a sponsored opportunity to advertise having a business do theirs but also sponsor a local non-profit.

T. Rain Works: Unicorn, Frog, Carrots, Train

Mr. Van Vliet: We would need to approve funds for stickers and not waste a month of time if folks were interested in doing this.

Mr. Gavin: Push an #hashtag and do a digital location or a geocache and on walls. Could you put it on walls or community involvement without having to drop the funds and point towards Instagram.

MOTION to spend up to \$250 for the LebArtways sidewalk sign. Motion made by Mr. Van Vliet and seconded by Counselor Zook.

No further discussion.

MOTION to Approve all present voted yes.

***The Motion was approved (8/0) and recorded by Mrs. Flythe.**

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

5. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Winny: West Leb. Revitalization Welcome – Informal start and more developed start to a relationship. I've seen various art and would like to plug into the art. Visual, paintings, and street murals. The idea of a joint meeting to start the conversation and bringing art into West Lebanon. 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 7-9 and there is room for flexibility.

Mr. Dunn: We did some art in West Lebanon loves you.

Mr. Winny: This is what we looking for.

Chair Giordani: West Lebanon is on our agenda.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Wilkie MOTIONS to Adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Counselor Zook.

Roll Call Vote: Members voting in favor included: Mrs. Foster, Counselor Zook, Mr. Van Vliet, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Gaffney, Vice Chair Clifford, Chair Giordani.

****The Motion was approved (8/0) and recorded by Mrs. Flythe.***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Flythe
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Recreation & Parks Department