

FINAL

**CITY OF LEBANON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES, July 27, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers & LebanonNH.gov/Live
6:30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT (10/10): **Bill Dunn** (EDC Rep.)
 Devin Wilkie (Heritage Commission Rep.)
 Karen Zook (City Council Rep.)
 Jessica Giordani (Chair; Citizen Rep. Ward 3)
 Becky Foster (Citizen Rep., Ward 1)
 Gavin Wynkoop-Fischer (Citizen Rep., Ward 2)
 Nick Gaffney (Arts Org. Rep.-AVA Gallery)
 Joe Clifford (Vice Chair; Arts Org. Rep.-LOH) *Remote
 Ben Van Vliet (Arts Org. Rep.-UVMC)

MEMBERS ABSENT: (1/10) **Sherry Fiore** (Alt.)

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Giordani called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 22, 2021

MOTION to Approve and Accept the minutes for the June 22, 2021 was made by Counselor Zook, and seconded by Mr. Wilkie.

Chair Giordani opened for discussion.

Mr. Van Vliet: Page 3, line 8 change new to knew.

Mr. Wilkie: Page 1, line 50 correct Gavin's full name.

Mr. Dunn: Page 4, line 40 add in for at the end of Mr. Winny's sentence.

MOTION to Approve as amended all present voted yes. Abstention by Mrs. Foster, and Mr. Gaffney.

***The Motion was approved (7/0) and recorded by Mrs. Flythe.**

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Giordani: Opened to the public and the floor was opened to Revels North and their request for support in the Christmas Revels event in December.

A. Mural Project (J.Clifford)

Mr. Clifford: There is still excitement for this project. It is currently on hold till the return of our partner from leave. Once back conversations will resume and we can have further discussion on budget, and final details.

B. NEXUS Festival (J.Clifford)

Mr. Clifford: We are wrapping up the final details and would love to have Arts and Culture to have a presence on the green and to raise awareness of the commission. Definitely in need of volunteers and anyone can go to lebanonoperahouse.org and sign up right on the main page to help.

C. Rainworks (G. Wynkoop-Fischer)

Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer: Shared the stencils he made for the latest addition of Rainworks, and small letters he brought to do the opposite for some negative space in applying the Rainworks in another way.

Mrs. Flythe: More rainworks can be installed. Ultimately what do we want to say or do?

Mr. Dunn: Images are definitely a way to go. Some music notes for NEXUS would be great.

D. Sidewalk Poetry Project (B. Foster, G. Wynkoop-Fischer, K.Flythe)

Mrs. Foster: Overall the inventory and looking around town we have a lot of asphalt and not as much concrete. Knowing this we need to have a plan on where to install.

Mr. Coats: Shared that in speaking with DPW it was clear the tipdowns for any sidewalk has to be concrete. These would be a great place to install poetry.

Mrs. Foster: Great news. Now we just need to work on a plan, schedule to select some poetry or have a contest and what would be the cost to install one.

Chair Giordani: Reminded that the Lebanon Library staff would help select the first piece we are to install so we could have a quicker turn around before doing a contest within the community.

E. Fundraising & Friends of Lebanon Recreation (D.Wilkie):

Mr. Wilkie: Met with the President of the Friends of Leb. Rec. Discussed that the Friends group would be interested in helping fundraise by project.

F. Tunnel & Juried Art Updated (N.Gaffney):

Mr. Gaffney: We had a great jury for the event: Names
Winners for the tunnel are Gregg Stott

Mr. Coats: Shared the funding for the first two installations will be coming from the city managers budget, and moving forward we would need donors to help with funding additional pieces to last over a 10 year period of time, if we are looking to install 2 pieces a year.

Chair Giordani: Prior to the next meeting an update will be sent out on budget and where we stand.

Mr. Gaffney: Will check in with a staff member at AVA to talk more about sponsoring success and making those contacts.

G. Coalition Building (N.Gaffney):

Mr. Gaffney: No specific update, but UVMC and AVA partnered together on programming and it was a great success.

H. Mall Kiosk/Digital Sign (J.Giordani/K.Zook):

Chair Giordani: No update on the mall kiosk.

Counselor Zook: The new digital signs there is progress with vinyl wraps in progress and the next step is location.

I. High Street, Mechanic Street, Mascoma Street Rotary (K.Flythe)

Mrs. Flythe: We have been reached out to by engineering to start thinking about art in the rotary between High/Mascoma/Mechanic Street as that is next in 2022. She will send an e-mail for inspiration.

Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer: Thinking of ideas a connection or bike inspired/upcycled/artcycled something.

Mrs. Foster: Shared it would be great to have an installation that tied all the activities together that is possible on the MRG.

Mr. Wilkie: Expressed interested in some kind of wayfinding art would be great. A visual cue that would work for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and it is practical.

Counselor Zook: Suggested partnering with downtown local shops.

J. Packard Covered Bridge Lights (J.Giordani)

Chair Giordani: No further updates.

Chair Giordani asked if there was any further business.

Mr. Dunn: Shared that in downtown Barre they were able to open their latest trail and had a sculpture or installation every 50 feet.

Mr. Coats: Shared that the Pavers on the MRG Bridge need color. In addition the light poles, on the bridge, and the flags all need a brand. Can Arts and Culture come up with a brand for the city? We need to design it and do it. We need a slogan or someone good with words that we can include on banners etc...

Counselor Zook: Shared that Sam Cook is working on the mural for the library and could be a resource for the MRG.

Mr. Dunn: Shared an idea for a slogan: Lebanon from mill power to will power.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A. Revels North Request with Brian Cook, Executive Director, and Nils Fredland Artistic Director.

Mr. Cook: Shared Revels moved to LOH in 2019 and are thrilled to have Lebanon be their new home. 2020 moved The Christmas Revels to an animated film. Now the Revels are preparing for 2021. Nils has experience with outdoor shows, and providing a mixture of outdoor and an indoor performance. The outdoor performance would be free and the ticketed events would be December 17th to December 19th. Revels would like to invite the Arts & Culture commission to be partners, and support in anyway for the event. Including participation to the event itself.

Mr. Fredland: Has been thrilled to collaborate with Mr. Cook. The animated 17 minute film shared the underlying message for Revels North of Hope and Light, and showed the team and not just the focus of an on stage performance. Taking those same elements and making this years Christmas Revels not just a performance but a festival with guests artists, big puppets, a juggler man, and more coming together on the green. A review of the Friday-Sunday schedule and support so far from NH Charitable Foundation and Mascoma Bank.

Chair Giordani: We look forward to hearing more from Revels as it comes together.

Mr. Van Vliet: Blending of the inside and outside approach is great and thank you fo your efforts as it fits within the community.

Mr. Coats: Another performance space that could be an option is the Lebanon Tunnel.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Members voting in favor included: All present in city council chambers.

****The Motion was approved (9/0) and recorded by Mrs. Flythe.***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Flythe
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Recreation & Parks Department