

FINAL

**CITY OF LEBANON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES, August 24, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers & LebanonNH.gov/Live
6:30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT (7/10): **Bill Dunn** (EDC 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)
 ***Ben Van Vliet** (Arts Org. Rep.-UVMC)
 Sherry Fiore (Alt.) (Remote) Voting member
 ***Term is expired and did not vote for this meeting.**

MEMBERS ABSENT: (3/10) **Devin Wilkie** (Heritage Commission Rep.)
 Nick Gaffney (Arts Org. Rep.-AVA Gallery)
 ***Joe Clifford** (Vice Chair; Arts Org. Rep.-LOH)

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 6:33PM.

MOTION to seat Mrs. FIORE as a voting member of the commission by Chair Giordani and seconded by Counselor Zook. Voting in favor Chair Giordani, Counselor Zook, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer, Mrs. Fiore, and Mr. Dunn.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 27, 2021

MOTION to Approve and Accept the minutes for the July 27, 2021 was made by Mr. Dunn, and seconded by Counselor Zook.

Chair Giordani opened for discussion and correction of minutes.

Mr. Dunn: Page 3, Line 31 change Down in Derry to Downtown Barre. Line 42: Not hill power to mill power.

MOTION to Approve Mr. Dunn, Counselor Zook, Mrs. Foster, Chair Giordani, and Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer.

***The Motion was approved (5/0) and recorded by Mrs. Flythe.**

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Public Art Submission & Idea by Susan Johnson.
Susan Johnson & Kathly Elfstrom (Garden Club Rep.)

MOTION to Approve and Recommend Susan Johnson Public Art Display and seconded by Mr. Dunn. Voting in favor Counselor Zook, Chair Giordani, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer, and Mrs. Fiore.

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

Ms. Susan Karp – Suggestion via Lebanon Website wanting to share this idea. Has the city ever thought of letting art students (or anyone interested) in painting things on the ugly concrete wall that holds up the lower parking area? or installing hangings or something? In Bethel VT they have fish sculptures of some kind decorating one of their walls, and it's a nice change from cracked masonry. That's why I thought of it. Maybe AVA would be interested in doing something.... Just a thought, not sure who to send it to.

Mr. Coats: This is an idea being presented and how do we want to receive these suggestions and learn how we move forward from ideas like this.

Mrs. Giordani: This is an area that art can be created in this area and if anyone is interested in submitting an application that application is live on the website.

Mr. Wynkoop – Fisher: Can someone donate their art what would the process be for that.

Chair Giordani: Application is online and that will start the process.

Mr. Coats: It should be clear that a self sponsored piece does not give any preference or advantage for a piece to be commissioned or approved. Just because someone is willing to give doesn't mean they will be first chosen or selected because it's free.

B. Lebanon Mall Garden Maintenance (D.Wilkie)

Ms. Johnson: I contacted Devin with questions and wanted to know if there was a plan for the skylight or a plan for gardens?

Mr. Coats: Gardens etc will be Recreation, Facilities/infrastructure is DPW.

Conversations to be had and opened and outside contractors and volunteers to help and Paul will reach out.

C. Fountain Inspiration (K.Flythe)

Review the link provided to keep in mind.

D. Fountain History, Tour, Action Steps (K.Flythe, K.Zook)

Mrs. Flythe: to follow up with Mr. McCarthy and see what a tour would look like. In addition to further determine A&C's role with funding and maintenance.

E. Arts & Culture Budget Summary (K.Flythe)

Mrs. Flythe: Balance \$3,718.26 and spent \$1,281.74

F. Funding Request & Commission Support (J.Giordani & K.Flythe)

Chair Giordani: We have arts policy in place. It would be useful for the commission to create an administrative piece that would allow for more definition of support. Revels came and asked for a broad support (other than cheerleading & enthusiasm) we want to be specific to have a form and we could create a form that would allow an easier ask.

Chair Giordani: Will work with staff to create a form.

Mrs. Zook: Shared the idea of a style guide and a bit of re-branding maybe coming for A&C to work on for the city. More to discuss but the thought to be come more consistent in the city's look moving forward and a recreation of the City logo in a more current format.

G. Banners, rainworks, and poetry (any updates)

Mr. Van Vliet – Having an inventory of what we have will give a better idea of what is possible and seasonally would be nice.

Ms. Foster: We have a Zoom call with DPW – Jim Donison, and to think about 2022 sidewalk repairs, when we know it has to be in concrete and look toward a schedule and do we want to do the first as a contest or partner with the library.

Mrs. Flythe: Rainworks will go in just waiting for a better stretch of dry weather and not rain.

H. Soofa Signs (J. Giordani)

Mr. Coats: Soofa signs are solar powered and there will be 5 total between Leb. and West Lebanon. They are interactive and there will be vinyl wrap and give us art work. Counselor Zook and Chair Giordani designed the Kilton design and the digital is not us, but the vinyl is. The 2 on the mall will feature LVP/3Tom/SH and both are wayfinding signs and what can I do and what is here. All 4 will have the same graphic. Map of greenway and an Art walk just off city hall and they will be able to virtually do it. How many arts and historic spots to visit? 17 places to visit.

I. Kilton Mural Project (J. Giordani)

Chair Giordani: Installing in the teen room. Solar themed art in the room

Mrs. Zook: Involved the local youth into the project

Mr. Van Vliet: We can celebrate it via instagram

Chair Giordani: Instagram the installation

J. Light up Leb! (G. Wynkoop-Fischer)

Mr. Wynkoop-Fisher: AVA partnership would be great and about 50 from last year and I think it would be great to have A&C be part of it.

Mr. Coats: Talks about various sections of pumpkins and groups.

K. Social Media: (G. Wynkoop-Fischer)

Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer: I'm happy to be part of managing and we've been inactive. There is opportunity to let people know. Instagram specific and more ongoing things and a directory where people can come to it. On going feed on the skatepark. Knowing the expectations for use and trying to generate daily if not weekly content.

L. Created in the tunnel (G. Wynkoop-Fisher)

Citations issued for skating in the tunnel. Creating a skate park (a place to come and bring skaters and 7 elements if done well could be another opportunity.

Mr. Coats: A Skatedot (worth looking at) something to explore and know of the safety of pedestrians, bicycles, etc.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

5. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

A. Kim Rheinlander, President of Revels North was present and invited by Chair Giordani.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Dunn MOTIONS to Adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Counselor Zook. Voting in favor Mr. Dunn, Counselor Zook, Chair Giordani, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Wynkoop-Fischer, and Mrs. Fiore.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Flythe

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