



LEBANON ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 23, 2021 - 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL OR
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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Approval 10-26-2021 Minutes
 - 3. Other Business**
 - A. Budget Review (J.Giordani)
 - B. Banners (B.Van Vliet & D. Wilkie)
 - C. Sidewalk Poetry Project (B.Foster)
 - D. Soofa Signs (P.Coats)
 - E. Tunnel Art Installation and unveiling (P.Coats)
 - F. Light up Leb debrief (P.Coats)
 - G. Public Art Installations and catalog of projects (K.Flythe)
 - H. Quarterly Report & 2022 Goals (J.Giordani)
 - I. Projects in the works:
 1. Rainworks (K.Flythe)
 2. Mural Project in West Lebanon (J.Clifford)
 3. Further Banner development (B.Van Vliet)
 4. Fountains (K.Flythe)
 5. Artists directory/resource list (All)
 6. Mall Kiosk (J.Giordani)
 7. High St., Mechanic St., and Mascoma St. Rotary Inspiration (All)
 8. Ideas and input via the website (K.Flythe)
 9. City seal and design guide (K.Zook)
 10. Seeking Arts & Culture Support (J.Giordani)
 11. Partnerships with West Lebanon Revitalization or other groups
 12. Fundraising and supporting the artist via surrounding businesses
 - 4. Committee Reports**
 - 5. Open to the Public**
 - 6. Adjournment**

The order of agenda items is subject to change.

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**CITY OF LEBANON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES, October 26, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers & LebanonNH.gov/Live
6:30PM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: (3/10) **Sherry Fiore** (Alt.),
 Joe Clifford (Vice Chair; Arts Org. Rep.-LOH)
 Becky Foster (Citizen Rep., Ward 1)

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 6:36 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 28, 2021

*Counselor Zook **MOVED** to Approve the September 28, 2021 minutes, with amendments.
Seconded by Mr. Dunn.*

Amendments: Correct the spelling of Wilkie and Fischer. Correct the date on the headers.

**The Motion was approved as amended, (7/0).*

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Banners (B.Van Vliet)

A banner working group met and were joined by Devin, Nick and Jessica. They determined both locations, materials and a concept and are ready to move forward. The banners will be installed as a set around Colburn Park and set by the new light poles on the Mall and a few around West Lebanon. They will be plain banners with a color pattern. The colors will be connected to the Lebanon Artways logo. Vinyl is the chosen material, it can be obtained locally, and it will withstand the weather. They are working to finalize the vendor, the actual colors, and the actual size. They believe the banners can be ready to go up when Rec puts up the lights. Typically, the light installation begins around mid-November, so if the banners are available by the time of the lighting ceremony, early in the week prior to December 4th, the banners will be put up. The turn-around time for the banners is around 8-10 days.

B. Sidewalk Poetry Project (B. Dunn)

Discussion of which poem to select. Please review what the Lebanon Library staff were able to create.

Rebecca did most of the work on this project, but she is not here this evening. There was a link in the packet materials for some proposed poetry, but there are many other options as well. They are using a vendor that is familiar to the City and they want to use the money in the current budget for 1-2 poem

1 templates. Picking a poem is a combination of the content, the interpretation, and the number of lines in
2 the poetry. One poem with about 4 lines, reflected the purpose of the library, and that may be an
3 appropriate one to use in front of the library. Mr. Dunn believes the library staff will point the public to
4 other places where the poetry can be seen by the public. Some of the poems are also well suited for other
5 areas. There are a few poems and places around Lebanon where a poem would be appropriate because
6 the poem's concept reflects the area; the reference to plant life could be near a garden. The poems that
7 speak about natural elements may be easy for most people to relate to and they may grab the largest
8 audiences in the beginning. The members will E-mail their top 2 poems to Becky. The final budget
9 amount that can be allocated this year will be confirmed.

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11 C. Soofa Signs (J. Giordani & P. Coats)

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13 They are very excited that soon this work will be completed. There has been some turn over at Soofa, so
14 they are on hold for the time being. There are no other updates.

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16 D. Light up Leb! (P. Coats)

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18 The flyer is circulating asking community members to carve pumpkins and put them on the posts around
19 Colburn Park. There will be three prizes: funniest, scariest and most creative. Paul is working on getting
20 the prize donations. The City's website has the information about the celebration. It may not be as big of
21 a turn out this year as people have more alternatives this year. Volunteers are needed to help setup,
22 during the celebration, and to help take down.

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24 E. Public Art Installations (K.Flythe)

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26 There has been positive feedback about the new installation along the rail trail. It was suggested that it
27 would be an added bonus to catalogue the public art installations, either on the website or social media.
28 The catalogue could show pictures and dates and make the art available for the public to continue to see.
29 The catalogue would also document how the arts are being supported and promoted around the
30 community.

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32 There is no update on the installations in the tunnel. The artists are finalizing the pieces and they have
33 planned how the art will be hung, but an installation date is not set. They are hoping for mid-November.

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35 F. Fountain Covers Update (J. Giordani)

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37 Carl at Ava said the covers are ready and Paul is in touch with DPW to get them put up. They intend to
38 do that Thursday, 10/28. Everyone is ready to see the new art and have new images in Lebanon. New
39 people have been working on the fountain covers this years, young people, kids' groups, Dartmouth
40 students, and other cohorts. It has involved many people besides AVA. Jessica is hoping to put together
41 a list of all the people who painted the covers so they can be given credit for their work.

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43 Kevin mentioned that David Brooks pointed out the not attractive utilities shed near the tunnel. He
44 suggested it might be an opportunity for an intentional public graffiti space or some other mural and art
45 installation. Members thought this was a good idea. The last two public art applications came directly
46 from the artists, and for the shed perhaps a calling or a promotion for the use of that space could be made.
47 Maybe the shed could be linked with the 5 large concrete planters near it, with some theme or
48 relationship. The committee discussed the need to offer payment for the materials or perhaps a stipend.
49 But if it is the hope that the art will just be a gift to the City of Lebanon, that should be indicated at the
50 start. A sponsor partnership could be initiated, and this might be a good approach to demonstrating a
51 model for starting this type of project. The budget will be looked at to see if there are still funds
52 available, otherwise it may be in the 2022 budget year. They will start by looking for artists who want to
53 donate their work, time or money for public art; and then move to budgeting for it if there is no success.

1 The holiday celebration will likely be a traveling Santa instead of a gathering inside a building. It would
2 be nice if the public art and the plan for the shed and the planters could all come together around the
3 holiday celebration to raise awareness of the public art opportunities in Lebanon. It could be an
4 opportunity for public input about places for art as well as choosing the art.

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6 Lucky's has murals in their restrooms, and that is an inspiration that murals and more art could be put in
7 the rail trail restrooms and other restroom walls. The mural in the Lebanon Library is finished now.

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9 The end of the year is coming, and many things have been accomplished. It would be a good idea to
10 review what the Commission has done and accomplished, what they have started, and what other things
11 might be done in the future. It may be a helpful way to work on the upcoming budget. It would be nice
12 to have that summary available for the public to see all that has been accomplished. This Commission is
13 making a difference in the community. Being a commission that establishes new traditions within the
14 City is a great goal. In that same vein, it is a good idea to start compiling the list of what they want to do
15 in the future and how will it impact the public. The West Lebanon Greenway space is a great opportunity
16 for art when the yard is completely demolished.

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18 Kristine is excited about working on expanding the arts and related events and to continue to focus on the
19 art offerings sponsored by the department. It was added to the Rec Office, but there is more to it
20 than just adding it to the name. Paul spoke highly of Kristine's efforts and continued plans. She asked
21 everyone to start thinking about the 2022 goals/objectives and how the Recreation Department
22 can fulfill more of a role. She would like art to become a passion that impacts the
23 community. In the future, they will reach out to Melanie McDonough, who is now responsible for
24 innovation, and she may be able to help the Commission with new ideas regarding the arts that can be
25 expanded upon.

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27 **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None**

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29 **5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None**

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31 **6. ADJOURNMENT:**

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33 ***Ben Van Vliet MOVED to Adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.***

34 ***Seconded by Mr. Wilke.***

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36 ****The Motion was approved (7/0).***

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38 Respectfully submitted,

39 Linda Billings

40 Recording Secretary

A&C	First Choices	Second Choices
	3. Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory. Dr. Seuss	4. Two roads diverged in a wood, and I- I took the road less traveled by. And that has made all the difference. Robert Frost
Joe	I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree.	
Sherry	-Joyce Kilmer "The golden crocus reaches up To catch a sunbeam in her cup."	"A little sun, A little shower . . . A little while, And then--a flower!"
Ben	7. There is no greater earthly privilege than to have been loved by a dog.	The golden crocus reaches up To catch a sunbeam in her cup.
Bill		"
	"You cannot tell its magic By the way the building looks, But there's wonderment within it, The wonderment of books."	And, after all our toil and labor past, Sixpence or eightpence pays us off at last; For all our pains no prospect can we see Attend us, but old age and poverty. Mary Collier"
Devin		8.
	"A little sun, A little shower . . . A little while, And then--a flower!"	We each have a light; our adventure is finding which paths to brighten. Leigh Standley
Kristine		

Third Choices

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A little sun,
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"Bring me all of your dreams
You dreamers,
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