

FINAL

**CITY OF LEBANON  
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION  
MINUTES, May 24, 2022  
City Hall Council Chambers & LebanonNH.gov/Live  
6:00PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: (8/9)**      **Devin Wilkie** (Heritage Commission Rep.)  
                                         **Jessica Giordani** (Chair; Citizen Rep. Ward 3)  
                                         **Nick Gaffney** (Arts Org. Rep.-AVA Gallery) Remote due to illness  
                                         **Becky Foster** (Citizen Rep., Ward 1)  
                                         **Ben Van Vliet** (Arts Org. Rep.-UVMC) Arrived 6:08  
                                         **Karen Zook** (City Council Rep.)  
                                         **Bill Dunn** (EDC Rep.) Remote due to work travel  
                                         **Lucas Mendelsohn for Joe Clifford** (Vice Chair; Arts Org. Rep.-LOH),

**MEMBERS ABSENT: (1/9)**      **Gavin Wynkoop-Fischer** (Citizen Rep., Ward 2)

**STAFF PRESENT: (1/2)**      **Kristine Flythe** (Program Coordinator, Leb. Rec)  
                                         **Paul Coats** (Director, Leb. Rec.)-not present

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Giordani called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Members attending remotely were given voting privileges.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** March 22, 2022

*Devin Wilke MOVED to approve the March 22, 2022, minutes.  
Seconded by Becky Foster.*

*\*The Motion was approved (7/0).  
Ben Van Vliet was not present for the vote.*

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Public Arts Submission (Luca Mendelsohn)**

*Devin Wilke MOVED to recommend approving this public art display.  
Seconded by Becky Foster.*

*\*The Motion was approved (7/0/1).  
Lucas Mendelsohn abstained.*

**B. Leb ArtWays Poetry Contest Update**

There are 25 submissions. It was determined that those submissions that have followed the rules will move forward.

**C. Banner Update**

The Banner Hardware was Ordered (30 sets) for \$780.00. Devin Wilkie made a point of observation that the original request was for 14 pieces of up to \$1,400 and they found a great deal.

#### **D. ARPA Funding**

ARPA funds have been allocated to other projects very quickly. This raised the point that A&C needs to be prepared with projects ready to go should/when something comes up in the future.

Nick Gaffney shared there is a National Endowment for the Arts Grant called Our Town and this could be a great option for A&C.

#### **E. West Lebanon 2022 Projects (B. Foster)**

Becky Foster shared an update about the West Lebanon Civic Association coming together for a music event at Civic Park, interpretative signage for River Park, Banners, Sidewalk poetry, and Light up West Lebanon. Devin is working on the Christmas Lighting, and the Civic Association could be involved with that. They are interested in being part of the grant work. Their volunteers would be helpful for parking at the SAU during that event. They are waiting to see if they can collaborate with the celebration of the fourth. It's exciting to get several people willing to work on new projects in West Lebanon.

#### **F. Art Cart Updates (G. Wynkoop Fisher)**

Discussion was tabled because Gavin Wynkoop-Fischer is absent.

#### **G. Sidewalk Poetry Installation (B. Foster)**

The first four poems are in and it was a long day. DPW and the contractors were great to work with and appreciated the poetry. There was plenty to learn and notes for the future. Not using color on the poems and keeping the poems the same color as concrete allows them to be in alternative places if needed. Stepping on the stamp to get the form into the concrete is the best way to do it. Having a backup poem form is a good idea.

Each poem took at least 3 times to get in place. It was really windy and dried the concrete, and they needed to use a lot of quick release to get it out of the form. It was a learning curve and will be helpful for installing new poems in the future.

#### **H. Questions**

Kristine gave an update on the RSVP tunnel installations. They would like to get the information out soon and are deciding if more details should be provided. Nick and Kristine are checking on the stipend that may be available for materials and commissions. Things are in a process and getting flushed out.

Devin Wilkie asked if there has been any further update on the Pet Smart Mural. Joe likely has the most information.

Ben Van Vliet shared the Sing & Play festival is June 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> at Colburn Park, CCBA Pavilion, First Congregational Church and a new Busking tent on the corner of Lucky's from 9-4 pm. It is open to anyone and everyone who wants to give it a try. It is exciting that there will be more in-person activities in the Park, CCBA and the Church. It is all acoustic, or perhaps an electric guitar and keyboard. Sign up online at [UVmusic.org/singandplay](http://UVmusic.org/singandplay).

Nick Gaffney shared that during the farmers market June 2<sup>nd</sup> into August, AVA is doing Art Expression Sessions on Thursdays from 5-7 pm right in front of AVA to get folks to express themselves with art, but

also to get invite them inside AVA gallery and see all that they have to offer. It is not just directed to youth but to adults too! They will have art making materials for all ages.

Jessica Giordani shared the Farmers Market is open from 4-7pm on Colburn Park. She encouraged folks to come out and listen to music at the market.

Bill Dunn shared that June 17<sup>th</sup> he and Tommy Reidy are partnering with LOH for the Silent Disco for pride month. Lucas Mendelsohn added the event has expanded to just before a pride picnic. WISE, ACLU of NH and additional resources will be there. It will be accessible, free for all and open to all ages from 6-8 pm prior to the silent disco.

#### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

#### **5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No one from the public spoke.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair Giordani Adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Billings  
Recording Secretary