

FINAL

**CITY OF LEBANON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES July 23, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers & LebanonNH.gov/Live
6:30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: (6/7) **Jessica Giordani** (Chair; Citizen Rep Ward 2)
 Nick Gaffney (Vice Chair; Citizen Rep Ward 3, Arts Org. Rep)
 Devin Wilkie (City Council, Heritage Commission & DEI Rep)
 Brian Cook (Arts Org. Rep-LOH)
 Stevens Blanchard (Ward 1 Citizen Rep)
 Claire Geno

MEMBERS ABSENT: (1/7) **Ben Van Vliet** (Arts Org. Rep-UVMC)

STAFF PRESENT: (1) **Kristine Flythe** (Program Coordinator, Leb. Rec)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Giordani called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Kristine Flythe gave the RSA 91-A announcement.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 28, 2024

***Devin Wilkie MOVED to approve the May 28, 2024 Minutes, as presented in the packet.
Seconded by Nick Gafney.***

****The Motion was approved (5-0-1).
Stevens Blanchard abstained because he did not attend the meeting.***

The order of the agenda was changed in order to allow the members to do a site visit to the tunnels.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A. POETRY CONTEST

Four winning poems from 3 three poets were selected by the judges earlier this month. Judges were not given any identifying details regarding authors, and these four poems received the top numbers of votes. The poems will be imprinted in concrete and placed in the community. This has been an annual contest, with poems submitted by area residents. There has been some delay in getting last year's poems in the sidewalks, but it is intended to be completed this year. This year's poems will be created into imprints and ready for placement in sidewalks next year. The winners will be informed next week. They will be invited to the September 24, 2024, meeting to read their poem(s) if they would like to do so. There were about 15 poem submissions.

B. TUNNEL ART SITE VISIT

The members left the meeting room for a tunnel site visit at 6:50 PM. The Committee Reports were discussed before the members left for the site visit.

Julio Uribe, Hartford, VT attended the site visit. The attendees discussed the expansion of the current proposals, and locations for art including the current art installed. Kristine will contact artists to ask if the current proposals can be expanded upon. She will also contact the artists of art that is currently installed to consider options to expand on the pieces already installed. If they choose to not expand the pieces, can other artists work around the piece or incorporate it into a new art piece. Nick will reach out to the pollinator artists. Kristine will communicate the next steps to the proposed art by the end of the week.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission welcomed the invitation to provide some art in the tunnel. They want to know if the art is still being entertained and would the members still be interested in finding a submission for some historical context for the art. They would like to respond to the Heritage Commission after the Tunnel Site Visit this evening.

5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Nicholas Case, resident of Quechee, attended the meeting to get additional information about the submission process for the tunnel art. Originally all of the projects were approved, and the members will review the scale and placement of the tunnel art during the site visit this evening. They invited Mr. Case to join them.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giordani Adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Billings
Recording Secretary