

Public Arts Commission  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2016

The North Adams Public Arts Commission held a public meeting on March 17, 2016 at City Hall's law library, 10 Main Street, North Adams.

Members Present: Julia Dixon, Vice Chairperson  
Cynthia Quiñones, Secretary  
Gail Kolis Sellers  
William C. Blackmer, Jr.  
Nancy Ziter

Absent: Erica Manville, Chairperson  
Eric Kerns

Also Present: Zachary Feury  
Adam Shanks (Berkshire Eagle)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Dixon called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

READING OF THE MINUTES

After a review of the minutes, Ziter moved to accept the Public Arts Commission minutes from its February 25, 2016 public meeting. Quiñones seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CREATION OF THE PAC VISION STATEMENT (FOR THE WEBSITE)

In the absence of Kerns, a leader on this activity, the group agreed to postpone further discussion until the following meeting.

ARTS IN THE VISION 20/30 PLAN

Ziter and Dixon shared selected excerpts from the Vision 20/30 Plan for North Adams that seemed relevant to the Public Arts Committee, noting in particular the intended creation of a Cultural District within the city, as defined by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Members discussed whether or not the creation of a cultural district is in the purview of the PAC, and noted the general absence of content in the 20/30 Plan relating to the Public Arts Commission. Ultimately, Dixon offered to follow up with the mayor regarding the Cultural District application and discuss our potential involvement in the process.

### ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS

In the absence of Manville, who is in the process of making revisions to the artist application, the group agreed to postpone further discussion until the following meeting. Ziter reiterated the importance of completing this step before moving forward with further projects, and the group concurred.

### MCLA CLASS PROPOSAL

Quiñones reported on a recent meeting of herself, Manville, Zac Feury, and Diane Scott of MCLA, regarding potential future collaborations between the PAC and the college's arts administration program. Most immediately, the PAC has the opportunity to acquire an intern for the Fall of 2016. Logistics of the internship were discussed, as well as potential projects that might require an intern's support. Sellers and Dixon offered to co-supervise the position from their respective work places. Quiñones offered to create and submit an internship job description based on the members' discussion.

### MEMBER CONCERNS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members discussed inviting Zac Feury to the next PAC meeting to speak on his research and findings regarding Public Arts Commissions.

Future agenda items will include Feury's presentation, the creation of the PAC Vision Statement (for the website), an update on the Cultural District application, and further review of the artist application process.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Arts Commission will occur on April 7 at 4:00p.m. at the Law Library meeting room in City Hall.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Ziter moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:04p.m. Sellers seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Quiñones, Secretary