

Public Arts Commission
North Adams, Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2016

The North Adams Public Arts Commission held a public meeting on September 22, 2016 at City Hall's law library, 10 Main Street, North Adams.

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

Absent: Eric Kerns

Also Present: Tammy Daniels

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Manville called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ziter moved to accept the Public Arts Commission minutes from its September 7, 2016 public meeting. Dixon seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Members agreed to postpone further discussion of the proposed ordinance amendments until after a revised draft could be shared with the group. The ordinance amendments, along with a progress report about the Public Arts Commission's work in 2016, will be shared with city council at their next meeting on October 11, 2016.

LOGO DISCUSSION

Dixon reported that the designer is still drafting logo options for the commission to review.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES CONCERNS

Tammy Daniels asked for clarification regarding the proposed ordinance amendments.

MEMBER CONCERNS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dixon reported on Downstreet Art's intentions to create ten new art installations in North Adams next summer. This would be a mix of public and private projects, but could involve the support of the commission if the ordinances changes are approved and the commission is able to play a more active role.

Dixon also asked the committee to help prioritize the work of the public arts commission intern. Members agreed that she should focus on creating a slideshow for the city council progress report, devising a directory of local artists, reviewing the inventory of possible spaces for future public art, and researching possible funding sources.

Future agenda items may include further discussion of funding research, the logo, the presence of the commission on social media, and the qualities in art appreciated by the commission members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Arts Commission will be set after the ordinance amendments have been reviewed by the City Council and the General Government Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Ziter moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Dixon seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Quiñones, Secretary