



**Public Arts Commission
North Adams, Massachusetts**

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

The North Adams Public Arts Commission held a public meeting on March 14, 2018 at the Eclipse Mill Gallery at the Eclipse Mill Artist Lofts, 243 Union Street #102, North Adams.

Members Present: Julia Dixon, Chairperson
Eric Kerns, Vice Chairperson
William C. Blackmer, Jr.
Gail Kolis Sellers

Absent: Erica Manville, Secretary
Cynthia Quiñones

Also Present: Ashley Strazzinski
Phil Sellers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Kerns moved to accept the Public Arts Commission minutes from its February 26, 2018 public meeting. Blackmer seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

PROPOSAL: ANNAMARIA SEBASTINO: CREATING MAGIC TREES IN THE BERKSHIRES

It was noted that this was the third public meeting called to review the proposal with the applicant where the applicant was not present. Kerns suggested the proposal not be accepted due to safety and artistic concerns. Blackmer, after having visited the proposed installation site (the trees along the Main Street median), was concerned about the wires hanging from the tree trunks. All commissioners were also questioning the effectiveness of the purpose of the piece as winter is nearly over. The commissioners will suggest to the applicant that she review other installation sites as well as resubmit a proposal with less emphasis on the concept and more detail including a timeline, installation specifics, and mockups. Further review of this proposal was indefinitely postponed.

CULTURAL DISTRICT UPDATE

Dixon reported that the cultural district core group held their last meeting on February 28, but she was unable to attend due to an illness. According to the meeting agenda and subsequent communications, the subcommittees have begun working on the creation of digital and print promotional materials for the district.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES CONCERNS

Phil Sellers reported that, in October, he had asked commissioner Manville to check into getting the MASS MoCA-commissioned sound installation Harmonic Bridge on record. Dixon and Kerns asked Phil Sellers to clarify what he meant by "on record." He explained that he would like there to be some proof in City Hall that it exists. After some discussion, Dixon offered to request a copy of the contract for the piece from MASS MoCA and, if received, will include it as an attachment to a future Public Arts Commission meeting agenda.

MEMBER CONCERNS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Arts Commission will be set via online poll as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Kerns moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Blackmer seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Dixon, Chairperson