

# City of Saratoga Springs ARTS COMMISSION



## MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 5, 2019

Location: Saratoga Arts, 320 Broadway

In attendance: Sue Kessler, Lindsey Connors, Nicole Coady, Matt Hurff, Devra Cohen-Tigor, Dee Sarno, Ria Curley, Ian Berry, Belinda Colon, Joel Reed, Peter Kodogiannis (by phone)

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

Member updates: Nicole Coady has joined the Arts Commission. Lance Bell and Ardie Russell are no longer with the Commission. There is one open seat that will be filled by a City Council member asap.

The group reviewed recent directives from Mayor Meg Kelly to focus the Arts Commission's efforts on creating a Public Art Plan, that will work in conjunction with the existing Public Art Policy, and contain specific info and guidelines about Commissioning, Decommissioning, Locations for Public Art, Means of Soliciting Art, Annual Budget, and Advisory Role to Planning Board. Lindsey Connors presented a proposal outlining a Public Art Plan for the city of Saratoga Springs. **We will prioritize working through the proposed outline at our next meeting, and identifying action items.**

Discussion ensued about Decommissioning certain privately owned artwork in public spaces in Saratoga. Sue and Lindsey will consult with the Mayor about communicating with the owners of that artwork and next steps to removing said artwork from public spaces.

We reviewed the Art Scape project. **We will prioritize the following items at the next meeting:** identifying locations for art along the trail, establishing means of soliciting art for the project, and talking through some important logistics such as lighting, security, and consent from the properties near the site in question.

## Public Art Proposals:

- Belinda will gather more info on artwork specs from Zachary Lobdell concerning "The Spirit Rededicated" donation to the City. We discussed the idea of designating a certain area / wall in the new City Hall building for local artists to be able to donate / loan / display artwork for a certain period of time (ie, two years), upon recommendation from the Arts Commission.
- We discussed the SAW donation "Puff of Smoke" in consideration for the Arts Scape trail project. Once we decide how art is being solicited for the Art Scape, we can respond to SAW.

## Civic Space Projects:

- We would like Askew Station Lane developers to attend / present at our April meeting so we can get more context and info about their ideas, the space in question, budget, etc., so that we make appropriate recommendations.

Due to the scope of work the Arts Commission is trying to achieve before summer, we will meet monthly through May, 2019. Proposed meetings are:

3/26

4/23

5/7

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm