

City of Saratoga Springs ARTS COMMISSION



MEETING MINUTES - MAY 7, 2019

Location: Railroad Run Trail and Saratoga Arts, 320 Broadway

Present: Sue Kessler (Chair), Ian Berry, Belinda Colon, Matt Hurff, Joel Reed, Peter Kodogiannis, Lindsey Connors, Elaina Richardson (sitting in)

1. The meeting began at 5:40pm at the entrance to the Railroad Run Trail. We conducted a site visit, walking the trail approx. halfway, to discuss logistics, ideas, questions, and concerns regarding the ArtScape project. Topics discussed:

- Staging out the project, starting with just the trail entrance—one sculpture, one mural / billboard, one bench, one sign.
- Mural panels along the side of the building will likely require trimming and/or removing some of the trees. An alternate idea was introduced to do billboards instead of panels, which might eliminate the tree issue, plus mask the unsightly bottom of the building.
- We need to find out more specifics about the underground utilities along the trail—how close is the sewer line? Lindsey will look into this.
- We discussed keeping the first stretch of the trail fairly minimal, with approx. 3 sculpture pads and perhaps a place to sit and look around at the artwork.
- Ian will be getting more info about pouring cement sculpture pads.
- We discussed setting parameters for the sculptures (height, weight, materials, etc.).
- Vicinity to residential areas indicates that lighting the trail would not be a good idea.
- Should we be thinking about putting something at the other end of the trail, for people who are entering from the other end?

2. We relocated to Saratoga Arts to discuss the ArtScape proposal. The Commission agreed to create a small committee that will produce a rough project timeline and budget, reflecting various scenarios for the ArtScape. Sue will contact the members of the committee to instigate work.

3. The Commission reviewed the updated Bylaws and voted to approve them. They will be submitted to the Mayor this week.

4. We discussed our annual meeting structure and agreed to continue on a quarterly meeting schedule, with additional / more frequent meetings added as needed.

The proposed quarterly meetings for the upcoming year are:

September 10, 2019

November 12, 2019

February 11, 2020

April 7, 2020

*All Tuesdays, 5:30-7pm at Saratoga Arts

At 7:15pm, Sue moved that the meeting be adjourned. Peter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.