



**PUBLIC ART AND CULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 25th, 2015**

Board Members in Attendance: Jenn Bowen, Jaan Ferree, Jay Fields, Jay Miller, Constance Richards, Gwynne Rukenbrod Smith, Robert Todd, Sharon Trammel

Board Members Absent: Guillermo Rodriguez

Staff in Attendance: Caroline Long, Brenda Mills

Guests in Attendance: Lori Greenberg, Founder of Aurora Studio

Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no additions or deletions from agenda.

Ms. Ferree made a motion to accept the draft minutes, Ms. Bowen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ms. Trammel, Mr. Todd, and Mr. Field were in the nomination committee. Ms. Ferree is in the running for chair and Ms. Bowen as vice chair. The complete slate of officers is Ms. Ferree and Ms. Bowen. Ms. Rukenbrod Smith asked for any additional nominations and seeing none, called a vote. The slate of officers passed unanimously.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy Committee: Ms. Bowen stated the committee met last week with Debbie Ivester and Brenda Mills, and the members have also reached out to other municipalities mural art programs. They will bring more information forward at the next meeting.

Urban Trail Committee: Ms. Ferree noted that there was a ceremony for the rededication of the Urban Trail 15 station. She thanked the individuals who helped with the ceremony and highlighted the Urbania Urban Trail exhibit at 5 Walnut.

Community Engagement and Partnership: Ms. Rukenbrod Smith has been working with ONABEN artists on the Native Marketplace exhibition, which will be July 11th from noon to 5pm at the Asheville Art Museum. There is also a jewelry exhibition on loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts which will run through August 16th.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Mills attended the Americans for the Arts Conference with Ms. Ivester from the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Love from the AAAC also attended. Ms. Mills enjoyed her trip, especially the river tour and the plenary sessions. She will send photos and information from the conference. Ms. Mills also noted that PACC meetings are every other month, but she recommended the members keep the other meeting times blocked on their calendars in case they end up meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Finalizing Vision Statement: Ms. Ferree discussed how she, Mr. Fields and Ms. Rukenbrod Smith were able to cull the mission statements down into the current draft. Ms. Richards noted that the inclusion of “cross-sector” support was particularly important, as it ties education in even though it is not explicitly mentioned.

Ms. Rukenbrod Smith asked for a motion to accept the vision statement. Ms. Trammel made a motion, Ms. Richards seconded the motion, and none were opposed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Asheville Time Capsule Project: Ms. Mills noted that City Staff is working to organize a new time capsule to replace the one which was removed from the Vance Monument. Ms. Mills asked for a PACC representative to volunteer to help with the project. Ms. Richards volunteered to assist.

Ms. Bowen noted that a group of citizens have started a petition to create a monument at Pack Square near the Vance Monument which will honor Asheville’s African American history. Ms. Mills followed up, noting that the Mayor has been aware of the group and the possibility of an additional monument has been shifted to the African American Heritage committee. Mr. Miller stated it is important that the PACC makes their support clear. Ms. Bowen asked where the funding would be coming from on behalf of the City, and Ms. Mills stated that has not yet been discussed by Staff.

Ms. Ferree thanked the rest of the commissioners for their nominations. She noted that there is a wealth of wisdom and experience on the board and hoped that the rest of the members will utilize that knowledge to help articulate what they would like to see by the time they cycle off the board.

Ms. Rukenbrod Smith noted that this is Mr. Todd’s last meeting, and recognized his 6 years of service to the board, through staff changes and board reorganizations.

7. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Rukenbrod Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.