

Montpelier Public Art Commission – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 19, 2023 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Meeting to be remote

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83932326497?pwd=ZmRMZkxIUExTDE3dDVpMGJFUDhlUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 3232 6497 Passcode: 424960

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Opening Process:

1. **Call to Order:**

Present: Jody Brown (Treasurer), Monica DiGiovanni (Secretary), Rob Hitzig (Vice Chair, Montpelier Alive Representative), Ward Joyce (Chair), Abena Songbird

Absent: Bob Hannum, Jesse Jacobs, Josh Jerome (City Representative)

Members of the public: none

2. Approve agenda with additions: Rob motion to approve, Second Jody, all in favor (5 – 0 – 0)

- Additions to agenda

i. Discussion to approve the Building Owner's RFP.

ii. The Commission to vote to approve apply for grant of \$4000 from Vermont Arts Council to support our Transit Center Mural project.

iii. Building owners RFP review

iv. Rob approval for money for paint for panels

3. Approval March Minutes: postponed until next meeting

4. Approval of special meeting minutes: postponed until next meeting

Progress on Existing Works:

1. **Building Owners Matching Grant RFP:** Bob Hannum and Jesse (*not approved*)

- It is decided to not approve the RFP as it is and instead hold a special meeting is for further discussion

2. **Gateway Park Mural RFP:** Ward (*not approved*)

- It is decided to not approve the RFP as it is and instead hold a special meeting is for further discussion

3. **Clothes Pins Sculpture:** Jesse w/ Josh's help

- Three locations have been sited and rejected. A new site suggestion and review is pending.

4. **Transit Center Installation:** Abena and Bob + Lucy

- A vote was taken to support the application for grant of \$4000 from Vermont Arts Council to support the Transit Center Mural. *Motion to approve: Ward, Second: Monica Abstain: Abena, Passed: 4-1-0*

5. **Vine Lights:** Bob and Rob to repair

- Motion to spend money to replace lights up to \$150: *Motion to approve: Ward, Second: Monica, All approved: 5-0-0*

6. **Shaw's Mural Graffiti coating:** Bob

- Postponed until next meeting

7. **Counter Rotation:** Bob

- Postponed until next meeting

8. **Arcana Panel Repair:** Rob
 - The panels have been repainted and given to high school students. The work is in progress and should be completed by the end of May
 - *Proposal to reimburse Rob for additional \$500 (\$1,000 total) for supplies. Motion to approve: Ward, Second: Abena, All approved: 5-0-0*
9. **Permanent Frames for Art on Buildings:** Rob
 - Rob will research over the summer and make a proposal in the fall to begin in summer 2024
10. **Langdon Street Bridge Decommissioning:** Bob and Ward *postponed*
11. **Projector RFP:** Monica
 - RFP incomplete
 - Katie is creating a committee through Montpelier Alive to manage and use the projector
12. **Signage of existing works:** Jody and Jesse
 - Ward hung first sign for the Shaw's Mural (cost \$220), "Perseverance" sign is being made by different vendor
 - Motion to approve additional funding for second sign, \$150: *Motion to approve: Rob, Second: Abena, All approved: 5-0-0*
13. **Blue Flags Piece:** Rob
 - The sculpture is owned by Montpelier Alive
 - 4 of the lines are down, 8 remain. This is a major renovation with at least a week's worth of work, Robe will need to be paid for his time.
14. **Lighting the Bridges:** Bob and Monica w/ M.A.
 - Montpelier Alive will hire an architect, sometime soon, for first trestle bridge
15. **Micro Grants:** on hold due to lack of funds

Commission Business:

1. **Grant Writing:** Bob
 - Writing a grant for the Transit Center project from the Vermont Arts Council
2. **Presentation to City Council:** Ward
 - Will present Work Plan to the City Council in May and again in the fall for the 2024 year.
3. **Budget Update:** Jody
 - Need to be paid but not invoiced: \$25,810 after outstanding invoices, not
 - \$1000 for counter rotation signage
4. **Commission Leadership:** Ward
 - Would like to step down from Chair soon

Closing Process:

5. Next Meeting: May 17, 5:00 - 6:30
6. Special meeting to approve RFP's: April 27, 5:00 – 5:30
7. Adjourn: 6:33
8. Submitted: by Monica DiGiovanni, May 4, 2023