

Montpelier Public Art Commission – Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday August 14, 2024 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Opening Process:

1. Call to order: Present, Bob, Jody, Jessie, Abena, Ward, Rob
2. Review and approve this meeting's Agenda **Approved Unanimously**
3. Approve minutes 4/14/24. **Approved Unanimously**
4. Opportunity for "**Community Comment**" No one came.

Progress on Projects:

1. **Building Owners Matching Grant:** Jesse had a proposal:
A Tryptic proposal: artist to be LaRoe, on 3 buildings, ask of \$19k for ½ the cost.
Discussion: Concern about paint on historic brick buildings that are not painted already (one of the buildings proposed)
Our RFP stated that we would support a building owner match of up to \$10k, so we asked him to come back after scaling work down to two already painted buildings, 2 murals and a match of no more than \$10k. We offered a Special Meeting to review/approve the request asap so as to keep the project moving forward.
2. **Gateway Park Murals:** Ward updated on 1 mural having gotten completed, and Erok plans to do the 2nd in August. Jeb wants to photo when Erok paints.
3. **Clothes Pins Sculpture:** update by Bob. Permit in place, and artists are currently renovating the pieces, and are preparing to install later this summer.
4. **Bridge Lighting Project:** w/ Montpelier Alive.
Bob reported: Mplr. Alive's work is to light 6 or 7 bridges by November. Bob suggests big involvement by MPAC as this project will have a huge impact on bringing folks into the city. Phase 2 MPAC will get involved in design or installation. All 13 bridges could be lit. The State, AARP, the City have made grants. To light one bridge permanently is about \$40k.
 - **Motion made by Bob** "MPAC contributes \$10k to the Lighting The Bridges project as a joint project with Montpelier Alive"
 - **Seconded by Rob.**
 - **Voted: Approved unanimously**
5. **Signage of existing works:** 4 signs are in and need to be installed.
 - **Motion by Ward:** MPAC seeks to do signage for all pieces in the city by end of year, with up to \$5000.
 - **Seconded by Jody.**
 - **Voted: Approved unanimously**

6. **DJ Bary's request to paint a cow:** decision postponed since he did not present a formal request for funding as requested

Closing Process:

1. Next Meeting time: Special Meeting in August will be announced, then our regular meeting will also be scheduled.
2. Adjourned at 6: 45