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Arts and Culture Commission

Matt Wyatt (Chair)
Palana Belken
Kris Ebbeson
Jamie Kinsley
Katie O'Connor, Poet Laureate
Sarah Duclos
Amy Marie Regan
Vivian (?)
Chloe (?)

**MINUTES
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Thursday August 26, 2021 at 7 pm
City Hall Annex**

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- I. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Wyatt
II. Roll Call

Present

- a. Matt Wyatt (Chair)
- b. Kris Ebbeson
- c. Jamie Kinsley
- d. Katie O'Connor, Poet Laureate
- e. Palana Belken
- f. Sarah Duclos
- g. Shanna B. Saunders – Staff
- h. Amy Marie Regan – arrived late

- III. Approval of minutes May 24, 2021** - K. Ebbeson moves to approve. P. Belken seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- IV. Updates to Art Walk** – M. Wyatt explained AMI is still waiting for a date for installation. City Manager approved all locations. Student artwork, which is already printed on vinyl may only be for glass. Looking for update from AMI as to whether this can be installed at the proposed brick wall location. .
- V. Art Awards update** – The proposal is to have a Reception for Art Walk and Bianca's Mural, as well as present the awards. If we cannot do it at the Gov Inn, how about Annex? K. Ebbeson has all the awards framed. Have money from ED. Building & Grounds can bring over tents and chairs. 4th Thursday in Sept., the 23rd around 5:30 – 6:00. S. Saunders will look into the possibilities and get back to folks.
- VI. Art Show update** – S. Saunders let folks know that she felt the format for the art show really needed to be larger scale. It's not fair to the artists if the draw is not large enough. She would like to hold off till spring. And plan 1 larger event, perhaps in June. S. Saunders will draft up a work plan and we can review it over the winter.

K. Ebbeson let everyone know that on Nov 6 there is a craft fair here in the Community Rm (Granite State Choral Society- 55ish vendors)

VII. Discussing the Lila Dance Festival - S. Dulos let everyone know about the event. It's Saturday at the Common. Great lineup of dancers. Youth groups at 4:30pm and Adult dancers at 6:30pm. Please attend if you can.

VIII. Sharing the Aesthetic Perspectives Framework – S. Dulos let everyone know about the New England Now Cohort, Regional Dance Perspectives is a paper that speaks to how to prioritize art with open criteria and specific attributes. Perhaps these could be incorporated into the Mural Ordinance and other art events in the city that need municipal support.

IX. Other Business –

- a. K. Ebbeson: IN her studio upcoming shows include: Seacoast LGBTQ Hist Project focusing on Transgender Nonconventional leaders in NE. Her brother will be exhibiting for the month of Sept (Eric Ebbeson of Hampton).
- b. K.O'Connor: She is interested in brainstorming about workshops in Fall and Winter. Artists talk about their work & teach a bit.
- c. P.Belken: Pride Event on Sunday 1-4 @ Parson Main Park. Speakers and event include Rep. Pappas, Seacoast outright, Leftist band. Local business will be hanging pride flags.
- d. S. Duclos: Received NH Council of Arts Entrepreneurial grant to design her website. She has hired a local artist to help do that. She is also participating in designing a Storywalk in November. She is 1 of 5 members and is looking for libraries to work with.

VIII. Adjournment – A. Marie Regan motioned to adjourn. K. Ebbeson Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.