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Arts and Culture Commission

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MINUTES
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Thursday January 14, 2021 at 7 pm
Virtual Via Teams

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- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Wyatt at 7:00.
- II. Roll Call** - Roll call attendance was taken.
- Present**
Matt Wyatt (Chair)
Kris Ebbeson
Jamie Kinsley
Katie O'Connor, Poet Laureate
Amy Marie Regan
Shanna B. Saunders - Staff
- Absent**
Palana Belken
Sarah Duclus
- III. Approval of minutes January 16, 2020** - K. Ebbeson moves to approve A. Regan seconds. Passed Unanimously.
- IV. Elections** – M. Wyatt stepped down from Chair because of his new position with the City. Matt nominates S. Duclus as Chair. A. Regan seconds. There were no other nominations. The Nomination passed unanimously. There were no nominations for Vice Chair or secretary. M. Wyatt moved to table those position's elections. A. Regan seconds. Passed unanimously.
- V. Murals Update** – The Members discussed the ordinance and offered support for its current form. They discussed how important this was for the City to enable local artists to create murals to make our Downtown more vibrant. A. Regan would like to go before the Planning Board and encourage them to pass this ordinance. M. Wyatt said S. Duclos wanted to as well. Others discussed the value of murals down town and the potential of submitting

written comments. There was discussion about the value of the application process to both the members of boards and for the Artist themselves.

- VI. NH Arts Council Grant: Art Walk** – S. Saunders explained that the paperwork is in and the next steps are site selection and artist/art selection. M. Wyatt suggested a walk downtown to talk about locations. There was discussion about what sort of art we are interested in. Mural type on vinyl was discussed. This would mean we simply need to purchase a high quality digital file from the artist to be able to print the vinyl applique. M. Wyatt spoke to the 12 pieces of art that were donated by Waterstone Development and included Rochester Student art.

The Commission members discussed a simple RFP to solicit interest from Artist for the other pieces. S. Saunders said she would draft something up and bring it to the next meeting.

- VII. Rochester Art Awards** – The committee discussed the awards and made several nominations.

- VIII. Other business** – none.

- IX. Adjournment** - A. Regan moved, K. O’Conner seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimously.