

**Arts & Culture Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2022**

1. Meeting called to order 4:35pm
2. In attendance: *Kathy, Kirk, Nathalie, Elaine, Jess, Jamie, Martha Pritchard Spear (guest)*
3. Guest: Martha Pritchard Spear, Saranac Lake ArtWorks  
Martha introduced the nonprofit Artworks, provided a brief history, and discussion ensued about how the board might be able to work with Artworks. Introductions all - around. A survey for stakeholders from Artworks is coming up, and the members of the board are invited to participate. Artworks is planning a mixer/networking event, and the board suggested we might combine events (ACAB mixer has been pushed back from early September).
4. Items for Board Action: Approval of June minutes
  - a. Kathy moved/Jess seconds
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. ACAB Letters of Interest
    - Discussion of candidates qualifications and needs of ACAB. Consensus to nominate Julia and add Glenn to "wait list." Main reason was that Julia had previously submitted a letter of interest when there were no vacancies.
  - b. Discussion
    - Public Art Options
      - Decision was made to do a permanent sculpture; something that is impressive and sets a precedence. The Public Art sub-committee will meet to draft a project proposal/outline.
      - \$10,000 allocated in village budget for a community enhancement project. Share public art project proposal with Downtown Advisory Board; potential for joint project?
      - If project is approved by village board, then there is potential to request additional funding from Franklin County (deadline Oct 31, 2022)
  - c. Committee updates
    - Mural - contractor will start next Monday on installation of MDO or at least will be done by Sept 1. Artists have the final design, and it is confirmed. Artists got Coakley to "sponsor" them and there is discussion about how the invitation to artists said the budget would be crowd-funded so there is a bit of a conflict about who is acknowledged and how. Jamie will talk to artists.
    - Adopt-A-Bench - 3 submittals, one proposal accepted Matt Hudson. We need to figure out better ways to get the proposal call out to a broader audience. Kathy suggested that there might be a place to have benches painted during winter. High School students suggested.
    - Pop-up galleries – spaces used last year are no longer available; exploring new spaces.
    - Support for public performance – committee is planning to meet this month
    - Mixer event/Art Party – new date pending; Emilie will explore potential partnership with ArtWorks
6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Jess - no longer involved with Northern Current but has joined the Pendragon board.
- b. Jess will draft a list of potential projects for High School students; get input from ACAB and then share with Angela (art teacher) in October - pop-ups/bench/projection art?

7. ADJOURN at 5:40pm