

## Arts & Culture Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021

In Attendance via Zoom: *Sadie, Kirk, Nathalie, Dylan, Jamie, Melinda, Elaine*

1. Meeting called to order 4:35pm
2. Approval of September minutes: Motion by Dylan, Kirk seconds
3. DISCUSSION/OLD BUSINESS
  - a. DRI project updates - Jamie
    - Jamie reported that she has gotten 30% Construction documents. She is still working through them. Has gotten associated information and is waiting to get cost estimates before sharing with the PAC.
    - Decorative crosswalks are a negative because they are a standard safety feature and have to follow NYS designs for crosswalks. If design is different, then the municipality has to accept liability if there is an accident associated with the crosswalk. Jamie advises the board to focus on other features and ideas.
    - Kirk reported that we are still looking for a sculptor that can do a large kinetic sculpture at Plumadore Park. Identifying the artist is crucial so that any accommodations needed for the design can be incorporated.
  - b. Social media photo bank - Sadie.
    - There has been an uptick in followers on the FB site. Saranac Neighbor site post led to at least 50 new followers. Because of the pandemic, there are not too many events to build the photo bank with. Jamie says that the Village has a small archive. Elaine will post about the site to the Bloomingdale FB group.
    - Because the photo bank was originally set up for a publication, and that has been tabled, it probably should be crossed off the Action Plan.
  - c. Mixer event for artists - discussion tabled
  - d. Customized Public amenities – Jamie/Kathy
    - i. Jamie asks that the Board to more narrowly define the scope of the project. See the overview document sent via email. Issues of how much of the bench is painted, what the budget might be if there is an artist stipend. Kirk suggests that we focus on this project with \$100 per bench and the whole bench be the canvas, so to speak. Board will finish the discussion and vote next meeting.
  - e. Mural Update - Jamie
    - i. Mural still needs a carpenter to give a quote to install MDO in spring.
    - ii. Signage is being made and will be installed soon.
  - f. Projection art - Kirk
    - i. The protective case has been ordered but will be a few more weeks.
    - ii. Still looking for more artists to do animation or layered work that can be animated.
  - g. Action plan/Budget Prioritization
    - i. The Action Plan shows that we have accomplished a lot. Jamie suggests it is time to start on a new Action Plan while continuing to work on and complete the current plan. Topics will be discussed at the next meeting.
    - ii. Discussion about the need for/process to create a public art fund. Finding a fiscal sponsor would be ideal.

- iii. Pop-up update - Dylan said that there were only 2 spaces that were currently available. The Pop-ups were built around the ArtWalks, and with coordinating with all the people involved, the shorter time frame was more reasonable.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Advisory Board member updates – several members terms are up in May; terms can be successive.
- b. Community Development/Board updates – DRI, Downtown events per COVID stuff, WiFi in parks.

5. ADJOURN: 5:27pm