



**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
ART IN CITY LIFE COMMISSION**

MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2016 | 4:45 PM

Joseph A. Doorley, Jr. Municipal Building

444 Westminster Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Providence, RI 02903

**OPENING SESSION**

Call to Order: 4:52

**Roll Call**

- In attendance: Eric Telfort, Joe Haskett, Vanphouthon Souvannasane, Jessica Brown, Will Norton-Bliss (AC+T Intern), Gina Rodriguez (AC+T), Stephanie Fortunato (AC+T)
- Absent: Yessica Guerra, John Smith

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2016**

- Review of minutes, second page, Downtown Design Review Commission does have a term regarding temporary public art installation but that is not the only board responsive to the public art in the city
- Strike and now read all boards and commissions

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Nominations and Discuss Election of Officers:** This is a nine person commission. Sussy Santana ( and Yarrow Thorne have resigned. Commissioners will need to develop a list of suggestions to send to the Mayor's office. Two commissioner positions now open with two year terms. Commissioners reviewed stakeholder categories missing from commission due to resignations. Suggestion from AC+T: include a historian to support decisions about proposed historic markers, monuments, and memorials and to ensure rigorous questions and standards in place

Suggested candidates:

- Francis Leazes, RI College, author of Renaissance City, strong interest in North Burial Ground, understands urban planning within Providence
- James Montford, RI College Professor of visual arts and Curator at Bannister Gallery
- Xander Marro, Dirt Palace



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- Bella Teixeira, Providence historian;
- Dalila Goulhart, formerly with Rhode Island Historical Society, not sure she is she still in Providence
- Steve Durkee, Cornish Associates
- Dave Allen, Steel Yard, individual artist
- Clay Rockefeller
- Brent Runyon, Director, Providence Preservation Society Xander Marro at top of list of suggestions to the Mayor

Eric Telfort nominated as Chair of Commission. Motion to vote. All in favor. Vote passed.

Request to others to think about executive position on the commission (Vice Chair and Secretary)

Motion to recommend moving upcoming Commission meetings to first Wednesday of the month to accommodate scheduling conflicts. All were in favor. ACT will confirm availability of the space.

- 2. Discussed Commission Goals:** AC+T would like to have a Beta registration form and application for proposed public art and monuments by September 1, 2016. AC+T Intern will help synthesize drafts. Commission discussed features such as include contact section, security feature, and ability to upload large attachments. It will be an online application. Ideally should be something visually interesting, have a map feature, example image of their proposal within place. This is also another way to catalogue the projects that are in progress.

Commission wants to review Liz Keithline's presentation about RISCA's public art policies that was presented at the April meeting. Boston's form is a clear visual and provides all of the points of the process in a flow chart. Form should come after we think about the process, what does it mean for the person filling out the form, what does the person receiving the form need to see?

Commissioners tasked themselves with examining other cities' forms, policies and procedures, to present at the August meeting along with ideas as to how we would relate this in Providence.

Motion to make recommendation for commissioners to present for up to 5-7 minutes on another city's poster design (if applicable), form, and policies

- Jessica Brown: San Diego, CA
- Joe Haskett: Indianapolis, IN
- Von: San Jose, CA
- Eric: Ashland, Oregon
- AC+T: Arlington, VA



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After next meeting we will need to synthesize this into a form prior to September 1st. Request from Chair for commissioners to commit to connect via email between next meeting and September 1st.

Commissioners will discuss application process for public art in Providence and start process mapping at the next meeting. Joe Haskett to facilitate. Goal to develop strategy to ensure quality of work and proper locations for pieces.

Commissioners to review Brown Policy recommendations in the upcoming months. Will work together to draft commission work plan. At the next meeting, Commissioners will work on performance timeline for when process mapping should be completed and when applications will be active and online.

3. City of Providence Department of Art, Culture + Tourism Report: PVDfest 2016 temporary installations are coming down. Mark Maher, public artist, an aerosol artist who did live painting demonstrations at PVDfest, did 8x8 panels, and is looking for a place for these panels in public realm. Stephanie Fortunato can share if Commissioners have suggested locations for installation. All of Marybeth Meehan's *Seen Unseen* portraits to stay up through September except one.

Public monuments in progress: HP Lovecraft monument - Board of Parks commissioners approved temporary installation on Riverwalk. Kickstarter campaign about to begin. Artist is in communication with AC+T and Public Works; he is eager to speak to the ACL commission when ready. Cape Verde Fox Point memorial, Board of Parks Commissioners approved this to be at India Point Park, designer has developed designs, will need a community stakeholder process; would like ACL commission to make recommendations for stakeholder/ community engagement process. Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Makers Project, early in design phase, Gina is on committee on behalf of AC+T. Recently became aware of proposed JFK monument in Kennedy Plaza – concept stage still, ACT staff to find out more details.

Commission will need to develop policy around memorials and commemorations. RI Historical Society has offered to help this body.

Recommendation we meet August 3rd if space is available

Recommendation for August 17th special meeting



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ADJOURNMENT

Call to Adjourn, 6:14, second, 6:14.

6:15pm Adjournment