

CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY AGENDA

Committee/board: Public Arts Committee

Date/Time of meeting: 01-04-2021

Location of meeting: Zoom

1. Call to order.

Jeffrey, Jason, Taryn, Randall - present

2. Adjustments to the agenda.

Jason – adding adjustment to agenda to go over the place-making discussed in December

Randall:

Went to the meeting, will send us a powerpoint of everything they went to

Program will offer a big grant ever two years and smaller grants more often.

Uses a proposal process – no boxes explicitly, just make a case for your project

Different styles of grants

Some stipulations on how money can be used

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Motion to accept minutes from 10/5/20 meeting – Jason, seconded by Randall

Old Business

Art Splash sculptures in Barre is moving ahead

4. Discussion of Mission and Vision

Brainstormed ideas for a mission and vision statement:

Randall's thoughts:

Community engagement, creating walking audio tours for people using unpretentious audio,

Bringing various types of art into what we support – not just painters, but writers, poets, (Jason: food, agriculture, whimsy)

Jason's thoughts:

Unsure of what his mission ideas are; education, exhibition

Educational experiences for the appreciation of art

For Barre to be an engaged partner in history, education, and economic development

Taryn's thoughts:

Encourage artists within Barre to participate more and engage with the community

Jason's Question: Are we a leader in any particular art?

Randall: Our cemetery decorations are particularly notable; we are an epicenter for gravestone decoration

Other brainstorming for things we could do:

Possibly doing some food art competitions?

Gingerbread competitions; have to think of how to split them (age range, different types of awards like best, most creative, best narrative, etc.)

5. Discussion of Funding options/ideas

Tabling – not many options, and no specific projects that we need bigger funding for at the moment. We will try to get into next year's budget for a small amount (\$500ish) and increase each year.

New Business

6. Summer Crosswalk Painting

We should begin to look specifically at where we can paint, starting with downtown.

We need to come up with a set range of what we will be painting.

Some discussion on what flags should be included (Taryn objected to Thin Blue Line flag).

Suggestion to reach out to each community the flag would represent to make sure that is how they would want to be represented.

Discussion of messages from the community:

We aren't sure if we should use social media to communicate with the community and, if we do, how to do it.

If we use it, we could pick a few feedback/comments from the community to discuss at each meeting.

But, do we want to allow public comments on our communications? Jason comments that it's likely going to be helpful. There is some worry about whether we will get aggressive/abrasive comments, but Jeffrey suggested taking those comments and doing a "celebrity reads mean tweets" sort of thing, if we do get a lot of them.

8. Adjourn

Next meeting date/time/location: FEBRUARY 1ST, 2020

Discuss FB page

Invite Tim to talk about Police representation

What our 3 projects are for 2021

Chalk art

Literature

Crosswalks

Any upcoming grants?