

Putnam Arts Council June 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order at 5:32 pm

No quorum. Present Karen Osbrey, Elaine Turner, Laura Moorehead, and Kat Farnsworth.

2. Approval of minutes – unable to approve due to lack of quorum.

3. Financials - unable to approve due to lack of quorum.

4. Website and Social Media Update - Anthony sent all members of PAC the final test email and will be sending it out to the complete email list.

5. Communication with other groups

a. Trash cans - Elaine reported the next two trash cans will be painted by a young, emerging artist - Saphina Roller. She reported they have enough paint to complete the cans but will need the anti-graffiti finish in the future.

b. Pop Up Putnam - the June event, held last Saturday, was a huge success. Elaine reported that the trash cans will be painted in-person at the July event so that the community can see the work that goes into them.

c. Karen reported that she was contacted by John from WILI radio station in Willimantic to appear on the weekly arts in Windham County show. She participated in last Wednesday's show via phone and passed along Elaine's information so that John could contact her about events coming up for the Northeastern CT Art Guild.

d. Public Art Projects

i. Permanent Sculpture Installation – the town is handling the installations.

ii. Bears in Rotary Park - the town is deciding whether or not to sink them.

6. Sculpture Fair 2021 - David had informed the PAC via email today that he has sent out the invitations and has extended the deadline for response due to the lateness of the invite. He will provide a full report at our next meeting.

7. Municipal Complex Art Show - the planned grand opening of the new complex is now early October. Laura reported that the committee had decided to have a "soft opening" initial show which will feature the members of the Putnam Arts Council. Although some committee members initially expressed concern, it was

decided that featuring our artists first would give us time to get used to the hanging system, work out kinks, and gather artist names for future shows. Kat told of her experience with art shows while working in the library and said that it worked well for artists to provide bios that could be handed to anyone interested in buying a painting. A theme to the first show was briefly discussed. Elaine said she has found that people respond to a theme, even if it is extremely general. Laura will put together some ideas that will cover the various styles of the four committee members who will be participating. Laura also suggested investing in a poster stand that could be easily changed for each show. The poster can feature information about the show and other pertinent information.

8. Old Business - Karen reported that will still need two additional members for the committee. Laura has contacted Jamie Soroka who has expressed interest and Elaine will reach out to Beth Johnston to gauge her interest.

9. New Business - none to report

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.