



Minutes of the Meeting

Public Art Sub-Committee

Friday, November 5, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Room B-11, Municipal Building
245 deKoven Drive, Middletown, CT

Attendance: David Wolfram, Kate Ten Eyck, Charlotte McCoid, Joyce Kirkpatrick (10:40 am)

1. Call to order – meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Public session – David Bauer
3. John Risley bench & screen restoration review - Chair Charlotte McCoid gave an update on the John Risley artworks. Richard Bergan is repairing both of the major Risley artworks in the city art collection. David Bauer encouraged that the contract to fix the screens and bench include language that would have the city informed of any higher costs beyond the estimate.
4. Suggestions for budget 2021-2022 Major Public Art - The bulk of the meeting was dedicated to brainstorming major and minor ideas for Public Art outside of city hall.

Empty store fronts are target areas. This is a proven concept adopted by many towns. It makes the town more friendly and instills vitality and viability with these window treatments. Two windows are already in place or almost in place on Main Street. More investigation is needed to know who owns store fronts and if they would allow them to be loaned for artistic treatment. DBD (Downtown Business District) has significant funding that should be made available soon and help to accelerate interest in the community. A thought is to make half of them permanent and the other half revolving over time.

Another important idea suggested to highlight public art are the major entrances to Middletown, either by car or even walking. Coming into the city over the Portland Bridge and the Rte. 9 to Hartford Avenue are examples of vehicle movement and the walking tunnel separating the city from the waterfront is another underutilized opportunity, both of which could excite interest in the city's artistic vibrancy.

An understanding of future projects for a possible new municipal site and rerouting of Rte. 9 are major factors in any decision making.

Discussion of designing an appropriate venue for our public art collection is on hold since it is unclear when or where this might happen

5. Collection Supervisor grant proposal - The collection supervisor role was tabled.
6. Donation by Judge Marino - Donation of Judge Marino tabled.
7. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by
Acting Secretary,
Kate Ten Eyck
Cc: Town Clerk