

# City Hall Art Committee

March 28, 2019

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall

## Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Glen Coburn Hutcheson, Anne Watson, Dona Bate

**City Staff:** Jamie Granfield, City Manager's Office

**Members of the Public:** Alisa Dworsky, George Shumar, Philip Robertson

Meeting called to order by Glen at 3:35 PM

Motion to approve agenda by Glen, seconded by Dona. All in favor.

Introductions made: Council representatives; Staff representative; Alisa is a member of the Public Art Commission; George is the curator of art for the hallway cases in City Hall; Philip is Vice Chair of the T.W. Wood Gallery Board.

Public Comment: None

Glen opened the discussion of City Hall Art

- What is the scope of work?
- What kind of relationships should we have with other groups or staff regarding art?
- Current tasks – City Council Chambers art
- Future tasks – Create a regular schedule for art?
- Assign people to communicate with groups?

Discussion followed:

- City Hall entryway – Move bell? Lighting? Seating? Make more welcoming.
- Hallway
- Educational art/graphics on Vermont's native people and land.
- George's role in curating art. Schedule is hit or miss, usually every six weeks.
- Art Walk

**ACTION:** Jamie will do a call to artists post on Front Porch Forum and Facebook directing them to George.

Phil spoke about the relationship between T.W. Wood and City Hall.

- Prefers putting art in Council Chambers for security reasons.
- Next year is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gallery – events in City Hall?
- Art should change every year in Council Chambers. Discussion of when – around Town Meeting day?
- Proposed Stanford Stevens watercolor paintings to be the next artwork in Council Chambers.
- Proposed Montpelier citizen portraits for 2020. Discussion about having modern photographs as well.

**ACTION:** Philip will install Stanford Stevens art on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Glen brought up the potential relationship with the Public Art Commission. Discussion followed:

- They are new, have a lot on their plate but Alisa will check in with her fellow commissioners.
- Keep connection with the committee.
- Send invitations to meetings.
- Get the commission involved when it comes to permanent installations or murals.

Discussion on costs of T.W. Wood involvement per painting.

**ACTION:** Jamie will provide Anne with budget figures.

Discussion of future meeting schedule. Meet as needed or seasonally.

Meeting adjourned by Glen at 4:33 PM.

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