

# CITY OF BARRE

## PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

**Committee/board:** Public Art Committee

Date of Meeting: 03/15/2021

Location of Meeting: Zoom

Board/Committee Members in Attendance:

Jeffrey Tuper-Giles

Taryn Haas

Randall Kuhlman

Lucas Herring

Board/Committee Members Absent:

Jason Broughton

Others in Attendance:

None

Adjustment to agenda:

Tim not in attendance

Topic(s) Discussed:

- Approval of minutes from previous meeting – moved to next meeting (Taryn needs to find minutes)
- Crosswalks
  - Jeffrey suggested moving this to next year given the political backlash on social media regarding flags in Barre
  - Carol suggested just painting the crosswalks solid colors instead of with flags, then people get used to having them various colors
  - Lucas: use rainbows for LGBTQ+?
  - Issue: Is LGBTQ+ a political statement: currently feels like it is.
  - Carol: Lets do a rainbow in solid colors – i.e. one crosswalk in red, one in orange, etc.
- Chalk the Walk:
  - By August, should be able to make a day of this
    - People are getting vaccinated, can maintain distance in the squares
  - Do just around city hall park, minus a few around bench and statue
  - There's around 40 squares – we can double check

- Make announcement on website
- People show up, are handed chalk and told where to go – paint a number in the corner of each square
  - People should pre-register
- Jeffrey – ideally last week in August (21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>). Sunday would be to touch up and take pictures
  - Need to come up with a rain date
    - Use 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>
- Can put whatever you want as long as it's family friendly
- City council could watch it and judge their favorites and give them a shoutout?
- Could use it as an opportunity to get some funding – ask local businesses to donate chalk, put their names around the gazebo
  - Could next year do prizes if there's enough interest
- Could see if Barre Partnership wants to take this over if it goes well? And if they want to.
  - Reaching out to them to see if they have ways to set up signups and such
- Just need name, phone number, who will be participating
- Carol: something to consider, would be cool to have Michael bring his drum down
- Should we have a theme?
  - If we leave it open we could change it next year based on themes that are used this year.
- Would be cool to do ice carving contests next year in winter.
- Writing ideas:
  - Look into what's been done and tweak it?
  - Make sure there is a word limit
  - Get local writers as judges?
  - Can reach out to schools
- Jeffrey – need to set priorities for coming months
  - List with things that we could check off as we work on them
- Jeffrey/Carol: should think of ways to utilize pedway
- Barre Art Splash this spring as well
- Randall: Has a meeting with Studio arts owner

#### For Next Agenda:

- Each send something we want to talk about for the next agenda by the 26th
- For April, we will go back to first Monday of the month.
- Visual artist rights act – something we might want to look into and what it will mean for us. Randall can look into this. Maybe we should create some boilerplate language around this for artists we contract with.
  - Look up how organizations define hate speech and say that we are using that definition.
  - Should have all of this in front of council
- Should think about entertainment licenses – does the committee need to get a license, do we not require it. Etc.

- Also filling out the stuff for use of city hall park, etc.
- Figure drawing in the park
  - Just need to find a model, could possibly get them to do it for donations?
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Meeting Adjourned:

Mover/Seconder: Randall/Carol

Next meeting date: 4/5/2021

Person Filing Minutes: Taryn Haas