

**City of Takoma Park**  
**Arts and Humanities Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 22, 2022**

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The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Committee met on March 22, 2022, via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Lottie Doughty, Dale Ingram, Melanie Modlin, Leslie Sapp, Ramon Sola, and John Warren

**Members Absent:** Bethany Karn, Tommy Parlon, and Dayrelis Rios

**Staff Present:** Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith

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### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

A motion was made by John Warren and seconded by Leslie Sapp to approve the minutes of the Jan. 25, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Committee Members**

Brendan Smith said the City of Takoma Park has a new mandatory vaccination policy for all volunteers, including committee members. The Human Resources Department is handling the submission of proof of vaccination. Committee members won't be able to participate at any events or in-person meetings until they have complied with the policy.

### **Upcoming *Takoma Park Arts* Events**

Smith highlighted the upcoming *Takoma Park Arts* events and encouraged committee members to promote the events and attend them.

### **Unsung Heroes Portrait Series**

The *Unsung Heroes* exhibition will feature portraits of underappreciated City employees, including sanitation workers, crossing guards, and librarians, Smith said. Local artist Renee Lachman proposed the series and it is being funded by a grant from the Arts and Humanities Division. The exhibition is scheduled to open in July in the atrium, and the City will acquire some of the pieces for its permanent collection after the exhibition.

### **Bus Shelter Vinyl Wraps**

The vinyl wraps promoting the *Takoma Park Arts* series are close to completion and will be installed on three new bus shelters on Maple Avenue and Flower Avenue, Smith said. Arts and Humanities Intern Paula Barrios also is working on another coral reef design that will be installed on two other bus shelters.

### **Little Free Art Gallery**

Smith said he is working with the Operation ARTS organization on a grant to fund the construction of a Little Free Art Gallery that would be installed outside the Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue. The box would include art supplies and people could create art to leave in the box or take art in a similar model as the Little Free Libraries.

### **Takoma ARTery Artist Directory Grant**

The Takoma ARTery group is creating an online artist directory to promote the work of local artists which is supported by a \$1,100 grant from the Arts and Humanities Division, Smith said.

### **Pop-Up Events Bike**

Smith said he is working with other City staff to purchase an electric bike with storage compartments that could be used for pop-up art events and by the library for mobile book events to reach residents in different parts of the city outside the Community Center.

### **Americans for the Arts Convention Presentation**

Smith said he will be making a presentation at the Americans For the Arts national convention that will be held in Washington, D.C., on May 19-20. The presentation titled *Public Art on a Shoestring Budget* will feature various public art projects that Smith has organized for the City of Takoma Park over the past five years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by Brendan Smith