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MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Time: 5:15 P.M.
Location: CONFERENCE REMOTE MEETING

The meeting was streamed live on YouTube:
https://youtube.com/live/BPV8G0Bv3eM?feature=share

I. Call To Order: 5:18 PM

II. Roll Call

PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Robert Firger, Chair, Robin Sherwood, Arshenna Hines, Lee Goode

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Lane, Library Director

Guests: Vivian Nabeta

ABSENT: Wendy Williams

III. Citizens' Statements and Petitions NONE

IV. Old Business

1. Sculpture for Prosser Library from Pin Oak: Chair Firger reported out on the continued plans for the Bear Sculpture. We are still working on paying for it, with the total estimated cost being $6000. The BPAC budget for FY26 is $3000.
2. Percent for the Arts Policy

V. New Business

1. Engaging with youth: Ms. Goode would like to see the sponsoring of Bloomfield Public Schools students in a TBD art show at a TBD location. Ms. Sherwood reminded BPAC about our request to have BPS participate in BPAC events, including the Borders exhibition. Ms. Goode remarked that she has a contact at the schools and will reach out.
2. Ongoing discussion about the official role of the Public Art Commission
3. Public Art Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2027: Chair Firger shared that he delivered his budget request per the Town's official routes in the amount of $9000. Chair Firger shared that he sent an email to the Mayor about this request and a few other items in relation to BPAC concerns.

VI. Future Meetings: April 1, 2026 at 5:15 PM

VII. Set Future Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of minutes from February 4, 2026: Robin made a motion to approve, and Lee seconded, voted on unanimously.

IX. Citizens' Statements and Petitions NONE

X. Committee Comments

Chair Firger stated that all boards and commissions are awaiting the Town Council's decisions about who will be serving moving forward. Ms. Goode asked if any action was needed by current BPAC commissioners at this time.

Director Lane shared information about Bloomfield Public Library's new exhibition series, including the current exhibition titled Eddie Hall: ex Libris, running from January 2 to March 31, 2026. There is an art reception on March 28 at 11:30AM and she encouraged BPAC to participate and help spread the word. She also shared information about BPL's museum pass program. BPL offers patrons free or discounted admission to many area attractions. You can reserve them ahead of time, and in most cases, print the passes from home.

Ms. Sherwood and Chair Firger shared information about partnering with the Wintonbury Historical Society.

Chair Firger shared information about development of an Arts District near Home Depot in Bloomfield.

Ms. Goode would like to invite Director Lane to Duncaster art openings to see if their respective institutions could learn from each other.

XI. Adjourn Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Lee seconded, voted on unanimously at 6:05 PM.