

**City of Greenbelt**  
**Arts Advisory Board**  
**Minutes for September 5, 2023**

Meeting held at 7:00 pm via ZOOM

**Members Present:** Tatiana Ausema, Oliver Gaycken, Tom LeaMond, Vijay Parameshwaran, Kristin Stenson, Barbara Stevens

**Members Absent with prior notice:** John Drago

**Others Present:** Hannah Stein, Guest; Amanda Larsen, Visual Arts Coordinator

**1. Call to order:** Tom LeaMond called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. We had a quorum (4 members required).

**2. Amendment/approval of the agenda:** The agenda was changed to move discussion of marketing and grant writing to a future meeting and was approved as amended.

**3. Amendment/approval of the July minutes (B. Stevens):** The July 11 minutes were approved as amended and presented (deleted personal names).

**4. Staff report (Amanda Larsen):** At the August City Council meeting, Shaymar Higgs was removed from the AAB, Amanda will send us a new roster. In July, John Drago was re-appointed to the AAB. J Davis said the volunteer recognition dinner is October 1, and it will not interfere with the Open House event.

**5. Plan for October 1 Roosevelt Center Open Houses (V. Parameshwaran):** The Open House time is 1-4 pm. Old Greenbelt Theater (OGT), Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), and New Deal Café (NDC) have agreed to participate. The Open House will be in conjunction with the artful afternoon. OGT gave detailed information—they will host an open house from 1-2 p.m. and also have a table at the farmers market. GAC gave no details on the open house yet, so we need their specifics. The New Deal board delegated open house details to FONDCA and we need details from them. An Open House announcement was included in the recreation fall guide. Amanda needs more information (for social media and a page in the recreation guide) such as logos and photos, and confirmation of times and participation. Vijay will email all three venues to request open house times, what they are doing, logos, and photos. We may put a paragraph in the News Review before and after the event. The Greenbelt Museum is also open that day and GATE may have its own tour. Signs will be put up directing people from the farmers market to the open houses (Amanda will check with Nicole for signs). AAB members should attend open houses if possible and wear badges identifying themselves as AAB members (let Amanda know if you need a badge). AAB members should personally thank the venues for participating.

**6. Round Robin:** Nicole needs volunteers to make puppets on Sept. 17, help with the Rumpus on Oct. 27, and for the Sparkle Mart. It was asked if the recorded Zoom meeting of artist candidates for the Motiva project is available. We can check with Nicole. Barb typed notes from that meeting which Amanda shared with the AAB. The artist for the project has been selected, but no public announcement has been made yet.

**7. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

*AAB members include: Tatiana Ausema, John Drago, Oliver Gaycken, Tom LeaMond (Chair), Vijay Parameshwaran, Kristin Stenson, Barbara Stevens (Secretary)*