

**The City of Greenbelt
Arts Advisory Board Meeting**

October 1, 2013

Present:

Board Members: John Drago, Shane Wisdom, Anna Scorates, Oliver Gaycken, Tatiana Ausema (Chair), Mark Granfors-Hunt (Vice Chair).

Board Members absent with notice: Tiana Nugent, Ginny Zanner

Board Members absent without notice: Cassandra Harper

Staff Liaison: Nicole DeWald (present)

Council Liaison: Konrad Herling (absent)

Guests: Caitlin McGrath, Molly Lester, and a gentleman we thought was John Saunders but turns out was someone else, in the wrong room for a different meeting altogether.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

The Minutes for the following four meeting dates were approved:

April 2, 2013

July 2, 2013

August 6, 2013

September 3, 2013

Molly Lester spoke to us about Public Arts Policy and about the impact generally of Public Arts Policy around our geographic area. She mentioned Mt. Rainier public art opening and talked about seminars on public arts policies. She asked the rhetorical question “How do we make public art that connects well and is embraced by the communities?” Part of the answer to this question is to include artists and community in a wide variety of conversations.

Specific resources for our consideration include, but of course are not limited to, at Bowie State, an exhibit by Ayokuule Odeleye between September 12 and October 31; Prince Georges Arts and Humanities Council economic viability proposal with Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker.

Caitlin McGrath, film historian and President of the Friends of Old Greenbelt

Theater, updated the AAB on plans for the renovation of the historic Old Greenbelt Theatre. She presented the same power point slide show that she presented to the Greenbelt City Council, and reiterated information published in the Greenbelt News Review article on the same topic published in the September 26, 2013 edition entitled “Theater Renovation Project Put Back on Track by City Council” (<http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20130926.pdf>).

The second reading of a proposed change to the bylaws occurred:

Bylaws as stands reads at Article 6: Meetings, Section 2: The Board shall meet at least nine times a year.

The proposed change reads: The Board shall meet at least six times a year.

Announcements and Other Agenda Items

A production of “Avenue Q” is coming up at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Artful Afternoon will have a puppetry focus; There will be a closing reception for Fiber Artist Russ Little (artist in residence?)

On October 15, the Greenbelt Museum will host a presentation on how families were selected originally for Greenbelt.

October 19-20 is the Utopia Film Festival featuring “Out of the Fire,” a film that looks into the little known world of wood fired potters. “Fire” is produced and directed by former Greenbelt resident Courtenay Singer. This film will be shown on the 19th at noon.

Tatiana will represent the AAB at the upcoming City of Greenbelt work session, to be held Wednesday evening, October 2nd.

Mayor J. Davis (former) suggested that there is the potential that a recently trimmed tree trunk could be turned into a work of art. Nicole suggested we look at our Public Arts Policy and be guided by it in our approach. Perhaps we could add it to our list of potential art sites.

Perhaps we could revisit our site list once a year and add or subtract as needed.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday evening, December 3rd, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Approved by acclamation: 3/4/2014