The (PAC) Public Art Committee met on November 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the Rommel Center for Entrepreneurship—212 W Main St., Suite 205, Salisbury, MD 21801

In attendance: Chair Susan, Co-Chair Brandon, KT, Mandell, Michele, Heather, Derek from ABCD, Allen from ABCD, Maddy, intern from ABCD, Brandon’s daughter (observing), Nancy Mitchell (observing), mural artist—name? (Observing)

AGENDA:

1. Opening, meeting called to order 10:01AM

A. Review Meeting Minutes: Review and approve October meeting minutes—Approved!

B. KT noted that elections are due for PAC roles according to bylaws—committee agreed to put on December agenda.

C. Allen confirmed that Derek is the new City Liaison for PAC as Nadine is now the Media Specialist for SBY

2. Old Business (follow up)

A. 2024 Salisbury Prize

* Allen reported that applications are rolling in
* Susan posted call on MSAC board so we should receive more applications soon
* PAC encouraged to keep publicizing to community

B. Study Group Report for protecting public art

* KT, Susan, and Heather reported that the study group found there are no policies in the SBY Public Art Masterplan for the relocation, adaptation, or removal of existing public art.
* Brandon asked if this applies to commemorative art; Heather said that commemorative art is a subtype of public art, according to the City’s Master Plan
* Susan read the study group’s summary of the need for a policy for all public art
* Group is working on a policy that will also be the framework for City Council ordinance; Susan shared rough draft of this policy
* Michele said that it should be easy to add a clause (amendment) to the Master Plan that addresses the relocation, adaptation, or removal of existing public art
* Group will continue to meet to finalize before December meeting
* Allen asked to see all policies before they are passed on to City Council, as the Mayor has a willingness to listen and wants to be informed by him
* Susan said she would CC Allen and Derek on the study group meetings if they would like to attend.

3. New Business

A. Light Street Asphalt Art Project in front of Newton Community Center—Susan & Allen

* Rachel Manning and the Community Relations Team want to place asphalt art in front of Newton Community Center—an eye-catching, kid-centered art piece that would be installed in Spring 2025, with assistance from Salisbury University AmeriCorps/Shore Corps
* This art work would be maintained by this group (Allen mentioned MOU)
* Heather noted importance of MOUs to be supported with Master Plan policy on existing public art

PAC agreed to partner with them in some way—certainly with the ribbon cutting and the installation; PAC funds are not present for financial assistance

B. MSAC planning grant for 2025—Susan

* Two sizable grants (10K and 30K) are available for city art projects in 2025—applications due by December 18th
* Proposals could be outside of the A&E District Lines
* KT and Heather mentioned City Park as an excellent contender
* Homework: anyone who wants to help with the grant applications, let Susan know

C. New Public Art Initiatives—Allen

* Allen is planning a grant initiative for the water tower at Wayne St.; PAC liked the idea; Allen confirmed that the City owns the water tower; he will be pursuing
* Sculptures for Zoo
* Along with an 18-hole mini gold course next to Ben’s Red Swings and a possible children’s museum next door, ABCD wants to make the zoo more alluring and profitable so that it can stay FREE
* Allen distributed another alluring option: kid-friendly, durable sculptures made from recycled materials that are fairly inexpensive (solicited by artist over email); PAC loved the mock-ups and Allen will be in touch with the artist for a future project
* Susan also mentioned the Ryan Patterson from the Arts Council implemented a loan program for cities throughout MD, starting at 1-2K. Group agreed this was very reasonable. Susan wants to plan a road trip for PAC to Howard County where the sculptures are currently to see if this might be a viable option for Salisbury—PAC members amenable!
* Artrageous Experience—Allen introduced
  + Somewhat costly but funds are available if we would like to do it; interactive experience with traveling art team that then leaves the community-created artwork for the City
  + A large space would be needed (like Civic Center) to hold the event
  + Homework: PAC will check out website to vet and give feedback to Allen

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM