SBY Public Art Committee, April 11, 2025

SBY Headquarters Multi-purpose room. Attendees from PAC: KT, Susan (chair), Max, Mandel, Bill, Heather; Attendees from City: Allen, Rachel Manning, Derek (city liaison) Guests: Nancy Mitchell and Prize Applicants for presentations

Meeting called to order: 10:06AM

1. Review and approve March minutes: Approved by KT, seconded by Heather
2. New Business: 2025 Salisbury Prize Review of presentation from 2 finalists (down from 3 because the couple team cannot commit to project anymore).
	* Applicant A: Salisbury resident presented “Heron of Hope” metalwork & mosaic sculpture; heron comprised of sheet metal and etched words like “community,” “faith,” etc.; attached to base with rebar for stability; provided graphics for what it would look like from different angles; PAC likes concept but inquired about experience working with these materials; applicant said they would outsource what they have not done before to relatives who are very capable working with these materials; PAC asked about necessity of words added on to sculpture; height of sculpture and detail quite significant; applicant said budget is adequate and they feel confident about moving forward with project; responsive to suggestions from PAC
	* Applicant B: Cambridge resident presented metalwork sculpture of intertwined swans (abstract) that form a heart when viewed in profile; simple but graphic and quite large; applicant very experienced with working with these materials; originally proposed white reflective paint but brought a small-scale model along with three different fabrications of the metalwork for possible adaptation; PAC responded well to “feather” look of metalwork and thought it might hold up better to the elements (and bird poop/vandalism, even if paint is long-lasting). Applicant expressed desire for a bit of extra funds for a base/bench; eliminating paint could help cover some of this cost; applicant very flexible on what they can do, highly experienced, responsive to suggestions by PAC; models were extremely helpful in knowing how execution could happen
	* Next steps:
		+ Technical committee review: determined all submissions viable
		+ Public input: Allen said they’ll post on Instagram & FB for feedback
		+ Final selection: Determined at May PAC meeting
3. Old Business:
	* Study Group policy draft for relocation, adaptation and removal of existing public - Susan, Heather meeting later in the month to edit draft
	* Update on Light Street asphalt art project on crosswalk in front of Newton Community Center – Brandon could not attend, but others gave update
	* MSAC $10,000 planning grant to create large freestanding works in NW corner of City Park as connector to downtown.
		+ Review grant to create timeline for tasks (did not have time for this---moved to May agenda)
	* PAC road trip to Howard County where the sculptures are currently to see if this might be a viable option for Salisbury. date? KT, Heather, others expressed interest; will coordinate schedules at May meeting

Meeting end: 11:23AM