

NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION
April 10, 2018
City Hall Room Auditorium

Members in attendance: Tracy Hatch, Alison Bankowski, Mitzi Barrett, Judy Carlson, John Egan, Paul LaFlamme, Michael Joseph, Tina Cassidy, Rachel Rendina

Absent: Lindsay Rinaldi, Bonnie Guercio, Marc Thayer

Also present: Amy DeRoche NAC Admin, Cecilia Ulibarri

Called to order: 8:01 am

1. **Minutes:** Motion was made by John and seconded by Mitzi to approve the March minutes with the addition that Judy as told Manny that she would send him a project plan form. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Finance:** Amy will update Tracy's spreadsheet to reflect all the current expenses. The open house money may not be used and the commission will need to decide what to do with it.
3. **Marketing:** Judy reported that the marketing committee had not met since the last NAC meeting. The collaborative marketing steering committee is working on a Nashua Arts website and they will be shown an outline at their next meeting. They are submitting a grant with NH Charitable for partial funding of the off cycle survey.
4. **Bloomberg Grant:** Paul reported that the application is 50% complete. The project is called "The Space Between" and will help redesign the plaza between court street theater and the library. The total project will cost \$750K and the grant is requesting \$500K. The application is due the last Friday in April.
5. **Old Business:** Tracy reported that the project management software project is postponed until May. Lindsay and Tracy need to find a time to meet.

The NISS sent a cleaned up site report (see attached). They are asking the NAC to approve the Heritage Rail Trail and Constitution Plaza locations.

*Motion was made by Judy and seconded by John to approve the two additional sites for the NISS.

Mitzi is concerned about lighting and vandalism in both locations. Motion approved unanimously.

The PAC steering committee did not meet on 4/3 due to the consultant not being able to attend. The meeting has not yet been rescheduled.

The grants working group needs to find a date to meet. Tracy will send out a doodle poll.

The Burbank Trust is still looking for volunteers to join the board. If you are interested you should contact Jen McCormack.

Tracy has drafted a letter for the Gallery at the Wall. She will forward it to the NAC.

New Business: Tracy would like the grant award winners added to the NAC website.

Tracy asked if there was any city process that should be followed for the grant for the off cycle survey. Since City Arts Nashua is the fiscal agent the NAC is not responsible.

*Motion to adjourn made by John and seconded by Mitzi. Motion passed unanimously.

To: Nashua Arts Commission
From: Gail Moriarty, Co-chair
Kathy Hersh, Co-chair
Nashua International Sculpture Symposium
Date: April 3, 2018
Re: Response to request at March 20, 2018 Arts Commission meeting

Thank you for consideration of additional locations for future sculptures. We have updated the list of locations to more clearly identify which ones have full approval and the status of each. Although we have three sculptors each year, and therefore only install three sculptures, we like to have more sites than three for the sculptors to choose from. We have provided a map of existing sculptures (red), approved sculptures (yellow), and proposed locations (blue).

Thank you for the criteria developed by the Arts Commission. I appreciate that one criteria is to consider the geographic spread of sculptures. Now that we know it is a criteria of the Arts Commission, we will endeavor and are excited to do so. We always welcome and appreciate suggestions for future locations.

In response to the questions that were posed in the 3/20/2018 memo, we offer the following:

- Lighting – we do not consider lighting. We generally want people to be able to physically interact with the sculptures and that is most often during the daylight hours.
- Neighborhood type – All the sculptures are placed on public property, which means we need to get approval of a Board or Commission with oversight. Adjacent land use is one of their considerations.
- Public use of area - As is obvious on the map, many of the sculptures to date are close to Downtown because one of our goals is to have the sculptures accessible to walkers, so they can touch the sculptures. Many more people frequent Downtown locations, such as the Library and City Hall, as compared to people in more rural areas of the City, which is why we located all the sculptures Downtown initially. Sculptures created in the last few years have been placed increasingly outside of Downtown. We like to reach diverse groups, so for example, one year our theme was 'Celebrate/Celebrar.' We placed the three sculptures in the Tree Streets to celebrate our many Latino residents. We always try to engage a school or two, even having the sculptors visit the school. We tour Hunt Community residents a couple of times a year.

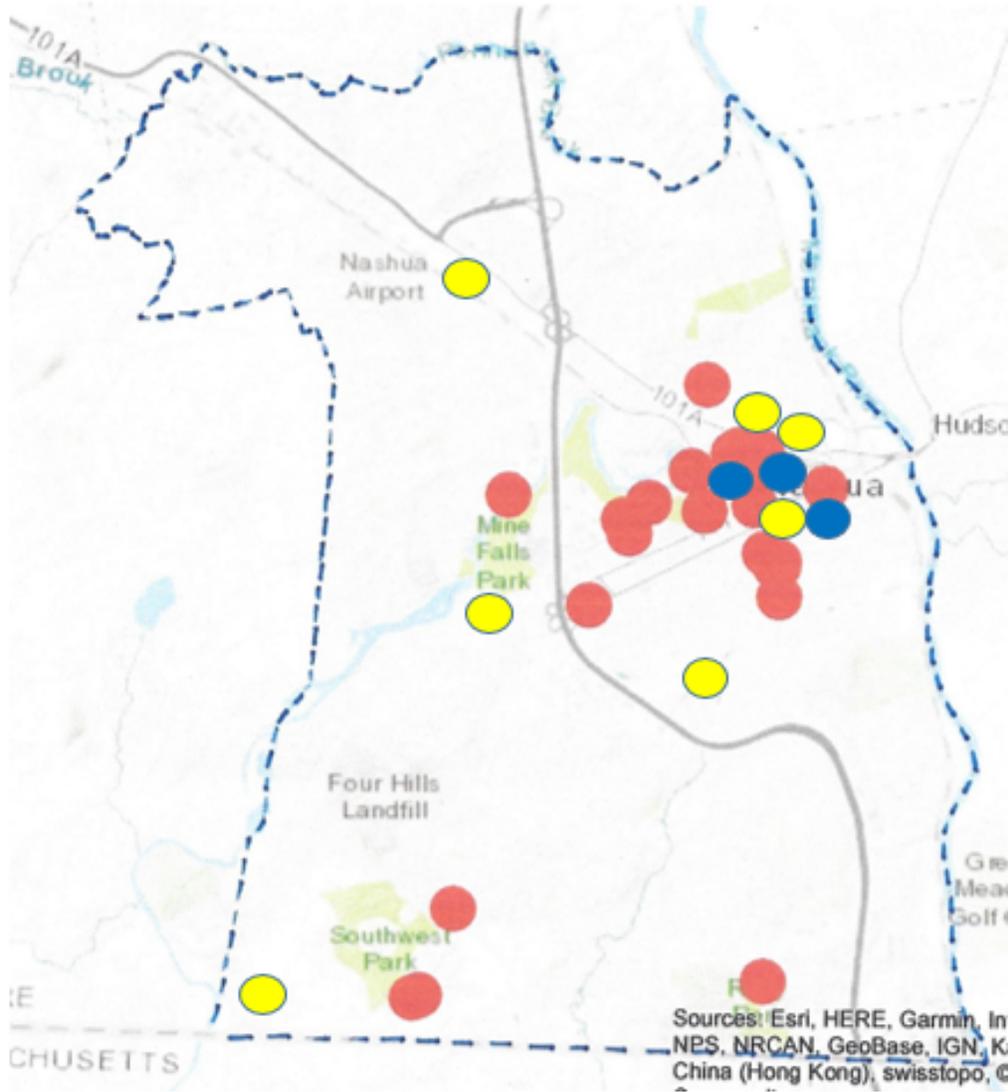
We are happy to provide additional information. Thank you for all your support and thoughtful questions. It helps us to improve every year.

	Site approved by City	Year	Status of other approvals	Potential for future sculpture at this time	Comments
1	Foster Square	2008	Approved	Previous home of Birth of Venus, which was dubbed "the butt" sculpture (although one five-year-old thought it looked like a molar). Careful consideration of a specific sculpture is needed, including support from the Ward Alderman.	Existing base. We need to contact Alderman Klee to make sure she is ok with this location.
2	Mine Falls Park Mill Pond Entrance	2015	Approved	The Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee has requested that only one sculpture be installed in MFP per year.	
3	Mine Falls Park Boat ramp	2015	Approved	The Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee has requested that only one sculpture be installed in MFP per year.	
4	Riverwalk between Jackson Falls and Margarita's	2014	Approved	We will coordinate with the Community Development Division if this site is selected by a sculptor	Gail met with Sarah Marchant on 4/3/18. She is confident a sculpture beside the end of the Jackson Falls building is a perfect location and she fully supports NISS moving forward.
5	Legacy Park	2017	Approved		

6	Nashua River Rail Trail	2017	Needs Conservation Commission approval	We met with the Conservation Commission last year. They requested instead that we locate the sculptures at Lovewell's Pond, which we did.	We plan to meet with the NCC on 4/10 or 4/24
7	Nashua High South	2016	School Board approval needed		At Superintendent Mosley mtg on 4/2/18, he stated this is a strong candidate. Need Principal's approval. He would like something like Turtle Island, or a Mancala here. Nothing abstract. He would like something that can be sat on.
8	Sullivan Park	2014	Approved w/caveat that a neighborhood meeting be held by the Ward Alderman to determine support.	Needs Ward Alderman support. Needs BPW approval.	Now that the Symposium will be held at MakeIt Labs, we have contacted Alderman Caron about having neighborhood meeting before the sculptors arrive.
9	Main Street Flower Bed	2017	Needs BPW approval	This location is superceded by the approval by NAC of a site on Main Street in 2018.	

10	Corner of Pine Hill Road and Charron Ave	2016	Airport Authority approval needed	We met with the Airport Authority. They were very positive but are planning to 'improve' that location and do not yet have a plan. They would like to consider including a sculpture when they are ready.	
11	Sunset Heights				At Superintendent Mosley mtg on 4/2/18, he stated this would be a good location for a sculpture in the future. Principal meeting needed.

SCULPTOR SITES NO LONGER VIABLE					
	Mount Pleasant School	2014	Specific sculpture needs approval of the Principal	This site is really too small but we want to leave on the list in case the right opportunity comes up.	At Superintendent Mosley mtg on 4/2/18, he stated it is not a candidate at the moment. Possible consideration in the future.
	Elm St. Middle School	2008	Specific sculpture needs approval of the Principal	Sculpture was installed in 2008 and removed in 2014 at the request of Superintendent Conrad because a student fell off it. Any future sculpture has to be vetted because of middle school location.	At Superintendent Mosley mtg on 4/2/18, he stated it is not a candidate.



Red – existing
 Yellow – approved
 Blue – requested

Please note that the scale of the map requires that some dots overlap.