

Public Art Committee Agenda
July 31 2024 12:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Committee Members and Staff in attendance: Charles Dillard, Sara Katz, Sophie Sauve, Colin Storrs, Julia Ursaki, Debra Wilkinson, Patrick Shank, Livia Demarchis

Agenda:

1. Public Forum
2. Presentation and Discussion: Annual Plan for Public Art FY25
3. Presentation of a Gift Proposal for a Work of Public Art to the City
4. Adjournment

1. Meeting Called to Order at 12:05 PM

2. Public Forum: The meeting began with an open public forum. No members of the public were present.

2. Presentation and Discussion: Annual Plan for Public Art FY25

- **Completed Projects:**
 - **Airport Mural "Radiance":** Created by Phoebe Lo, funded by BTV Airport, and completed in May 2024. The mural celebrates the diversity of Vermont and the joy of travel.
 - **"Embrace and Belonging" Sculpture:** Created by Humanity Memorial, installed in Dewey Park, funded by REIB, and unveiled on June 26, 2024. The sculpture is a dedication to racial equity and community history.
- **Ongoing Projects:**
 - **CityPlace Streetscape:** Artists Christopher Kojzar and Studio KCA were selected for the project, with completion expected in Fall 2026.
 - **Main Street Renovation:** Four artists commissioned to integrate public art into the new sidewalk design, expected completion by end of 2026.
- **Forthcoming Projects:**
 - Due to time constraints forthcoming projects discussion was postponed to give time for the gift proposal discussion.

3. Presentation of a Gift Proposal for a Work of Public Art to the City

- **Gift Proposal by Jay and Barbara White:**
 - **Artist:** Ryan Mays
 - **Location:** Perkins Pier

- **Details:** Two bronze otters on boulders, valued at \$32,200. The donors agreed to cover the commission cost, site preparation, and maintenance endowment.
- **Committee Discussion:** The committee discussed the proposal's alignment with the city's public art guidelines and the Parks Department's support. Concerns about the sculpture's durability and safety were addressed.
- **Motion to make the recommendation to accept the gift of Public Art, per the Art in Public Places Guidelines was proposed by Patrick Shank, Seconded by Livia Demarchis and passed unanimously.**

4. Adjournment at 1:08 PM