

Arlington Public Art Meeting 11/21/14

Present: Adria Arch, Nilou Moochhala, Alberto Guzman, Lorri Berenberg, Jane Howard, Dave Ardito, Debbie Page

APA October Meeting:

- Minutes approved

Transformer Box Project:

- Project successfully completed
- Videos of each artist on the APA blog
- Receipts/expenses have been submitted to Arlington Cultural Council for grant reimbursement
- Jill M is working on the Call for Artists for 2015. We will potentially have a different theme.
- Dave will follow up with high school about Transformer Box in front of Arlington High that will be designated for students.
- Nilou M to investigate materials such as vinyl and if wrapping boxes is a possibility.

Art Rocks Spy Pond:

- Will be held at Spy Pond in May 2015
- We cannot use trees or water as part of the installations. Lorri B confirmed that at DeCordova grass was considered ADA accessible.
- Artists will need to keep in mind how pieces are anchored and who the target audience is – lots of kid traffic in park. Park is also much more open to elements. Pieces will need to be submitted and approved by Parks & Rec.
- Discussion of Tony Fair as a potential participant – he is a local sculptor in Arlington.
- Need to distribute the Call for Artists to the wider Boston community as well.
- May 6-30 are the official dates
- We could create a printed brochure as a takeaway. Vision 2020 could be approached to potentially cover costs for creating a piece that categorizes the exhibit.
- Friends of Spy Pond Park will have to be included in planning closer to the date
- \$100 stipend for each artist
- The Family Splash Day will coincide with the end of the exhibit.
- We could have strolling music as an idea

Retreat 2015

- Adria A attended a NEFA event and has asked Sarah Hutt (of NEFA) to speak at our 2015 retreat.
- It will be held in the Community Room in the Robbins Library on February 14th (Saturday), from 9am-1pm. Light snacks will be available.

Mass Ave Corridor Project:

- Lorri B, Jane H, and Adria A met with Adam about the Mass Ave Corridor public art opportunities.
- It is still unclear as to where the sites allotted are going to be and how they are going to be funded.
- Jane H. will follow up on this with Laura Weiner, Assistant Town Planner.
- Discussion on whether to hire a public art consultant for this.

Other:

- Discussion about “cultural district” designation – can all different areas of “arts” in Arlington come together and create a space in town for this.
- Dave A mentioned that MLK Day in Town Hall – we could have the 200 kids from high school display the pieces they created with Winifred Rembert during the workshop he conducted.