

Lansdowne Arts Board @ The 20*20 House
Agenda
May 18, 2017 – 12pm

Arts Board Mission:

Serving on behalf of the Lansdowne Borough, the mission of the Lansdowne Arts Board is to create, foster, and promote Lansdowne's identity as a vibrant and inspiring artistic community.

Arts Board Vision:

Lansdowne is renowned as a place that fosters the creativity of artists and serves as a mecca for the active engagement of community members in the borough's inspirational cultural life.

Agenda Topic	Lead
1. Approval of last meeting minutes (1 minute)	MH
3. Borough (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● n/a 	
4. Mission Driven Projects - Creative Placemaking (5 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tyler update & followup, BC presentation ● New board member prospects 	HW, ALL
5. Mission Driven Projects - Activities (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming show update - Grimes & Haskell ● Creative Women In Lansdowne show ● African-American women playwrights 	LSC, HW
6. Business (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BC LAB overview ● Board manual ● Building update: strategy going forward? ● Coordinator's update 	MH, HW
Adjournment	MH

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Minutes, May 18, 2017

<p>Present: Megan Halsey, Chair Liz Steele Coats Bill Patterson</p> <p>Minutes submitted by: Hanne Weedon, LAB coordinator</p>	<p>Absent: Maya Winters Tangela James, Borough Council Liaison Clare Hughes, Vice Chair</p>
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Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM

Borough Council Liaison Update and Discussion

- No Borough Council update from Ms. James, who is currently on a temporary leave from BC, and has been replaced by Susan Williams. The Arts Board agreed that the Coordinator should send BC monthly updates (via Ms. Williams) about LAB happenings. Mr. Patterson stated that he intended to attend upcoming Economic Development Committee meetings, as an LAB representative.

Prospect Board members

- The group discussed future board members, including possibly inviting one of the Tyler grad students, who specializes in economic development, to the board. Mrs. Coats mentioned she has been discussing possible board interest with a Lansdowne-based Tyler student, as well - she will share more news as this relationship develops. Ms. Karsten has sent in a letter of interest to Borough Council, and is waiting to have a phone interview with Susan Williams, who now chairs the Economic Development committee. Once this interview has occurred, Ms. Williams communicate the nomination to BC, and it is hoped that BC will invite Ms. Karsten onto LAB.

Creative Placemaking

- *Tyler/LEDC/LAB collaboration* - The board wishes for the Tyler team to continue following up with community interviews over the summer, including various LAB members whose schedules did not permit them to be interviewed in the preliminary round. The board also discussed the need for an oversight committee, which the Coordinator was asked to discuss with Tyler and LEDC. *[Follow up: the Tyler team sees developing an oversight committee as a critical aspect of a best-practices effort. Under discussion: oversight committee likely to include community members, BC, LAB and*

LEDC representatives, economic development experts, and perhaps a member of the Tyler team. To include approximately 6 members.]

Mission Driven Projects, Events and Activities - Gallery shows:

- *Lansdowne Women in the Arts* - Ms. Halsey and Mrs. Coats will meet to discuss preliminary steps the show, which is slated to start in the gallery during Women's History month, March 2018. Once they have drafted an overview of the project, they will share the details more closely with the rest of the Board and the Coordinator, and show activities will gain traction.
- *African American women playwrights* - Ms. Weedon shared details about an upcoming meeting with local resident Leigh Jackson, who has many contacts in the writing world, and would like to create a series of black female playwrights to possibly be showcased at the 20*20 House. She and Ms. Weedon will be meeting in June to discuss possible collaborations, assuming the board supports these ideas.
- *Grimes & Haskell Gallery Show* - Ms. Weedon shared details about the Grimes & Haskell opening in early May, which was well-attended by 100+, and about the upcoming June 10 artist's talk.
- *Next juried series* - Ms. Weedon confirmed that PAFA's curator of contemporary art, Jodi Throckmorton, will be the next juror for the 2018-2020 solo gallery show open call. The open call will go live at the end of May.

Administrative

- *Board Chair* - The Arts Board voted to approve William Patterson's nomination to be chair of the Arts Board. The Coordinator will check with Borough Hall about how to best proceed. (*Update: According to the Borough Manager, "the LAB can populate positions within the board as it desires. No Borough action is necessary."*)
- *Next meetings* - The Coordinator will check with Ms. Williams about dates that work for her.
- *Coordinator's update* - The board had no questions about the Coordinator's most recent update.

Next Meetings

Next meetings will be at 7pm, at the 20*20 House:

- Thursday, June 29, 2017

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

<i>LAB Next Steps</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Megan Halsey:● Clare Hughes:● Bill Patterson● Liz Steele Coates:● Maya Winters:● Hanne Weedon:	<i>Next board meeting agenda:</i>
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Questions for Borough Liaison/Borough Council:

Questions for Borough Manager: