

Lansdowne Arts Board @ the 20*20 House

Agenda

August 29, 2016 – 7:00 PM

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 May minutes (1 minute)	MH
2. Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Borough Council Update (5 minutes)• Coordinator's hours• Days to meet? Mondays and Wednesdays?	TJ
3. Mission driven Projects, Events & Activities Printmaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Day update (2) Gallery and shows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beyond Cold Polished Stones update - PR overview, reactions, follow up as appropriate• Elisabeth Nickles: update, gallery preparedness, PR, gallery staffing, etc• Gallery docents: churches, vol list, FB, communities, etc.• Future curator search: ICA curator, Fabric Workshop, or DCCA (Delaware Contemporary)	MH, HW, ALL
4. Mission Driven Projects, cont. Creative Placemaking, LAB Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review 2014 strategic goals• Programming: Gallery, Printmaking. Nonprofit status, collaborations with LEDC, etc.• Next steps: Developing a long term creative placemaking program, BC presentation, etc.	MH, HW, ALL
4. Adjournment	MH

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Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

Approval of Minutes

The May, 2016 minutes were approved.

Borough Council Liaison Update and Discussion

Ms. James told the board she would check with Borough Council's legal counsel about how, whether and when the Arts Board should pursue sponsorship funding. Ms. James also said she would bring up the issue of building maintenance with Borough Council, in particular getting the front roof repairs completed.

Mission Driven Projects, Events and Activities: Deliverables

Gallery shows:

Beyond Cold Polished Stones

The group discussed both positive and the negative reactions to the show. Despite some significant challenges, the show brought a lot of visibility to the Borough, and benefitted the 20*20 House and the Arts Board in significant ways. Borough Council was very impressed and pleased with the turnout for the show. Ms. Weedon reported that she has heard from Philly arts organizations that the show created an important buzz in the arts community. Combined with the recent Jacque Liu show, and the upcoming, Fall 2017, Anne Canfield show, *Beyond Cold Polished Stones* has helped the 20*20 House in establishing a growing reputation: the 20*20 House is a gallery worth paying attention to.

Ms. Halsey reminded the board the gallery shows are the Arts Board's bread-and-butter issue, and the rationale behind the Borough's continued funding of LAB projects. Once the gallery is up and running, then next steps towards addressing big-picture issues such as creative

placemaking will be increasingly possible (see below).

Elisabeth Nickles

Ms. Weedon updated the board about the state of the show, and how the 9/11/16 gallery opening is coming along. Ms. Winters and Ms. Hughes agreed to help gallery sit on 9/11, as well as attend the show's opening. Ms. Halsey will attend as well. Mr. Patterson will be out of town, and Mrs. Coats will be participating in an Avenue on the Arts community arts project. [Mrs. Coats briefly described her community arts project, and the board discussed the benefit of community arts as a means of bringing people together.] Ms. Weedon will send LEDC the press release distribution list, and will cc Ms. James. The board discussed pulling in more volunteers. Mrs. Coats will post flyers in Wildman Arms, and the Coordinator will ask Elisabeth Nickles to gallery sit as well. Ms. Nickles does not want to do an artist's talk at the gallery opening, and is working with Ms. Weedon to find another date to do a talk. One option is for her to do a talk during the first or second night of A Bit of the Arts festival, November 25 or 26.

Inside Out

Ms. James told the group that the coordinating committee for last spring's Inside Out show will continue to meet, on the fourth Tuesday. Ms. Hughes offered to join the group, which will consist of as many town representatives as possible.

Future Shows

The Coordinator shared bios of three prospective jurors for the next series of gallery shows. The board briefly reviewed information about an ICA curator, staff at the Fabric Workshop, and a new DCCA (Delaware Contemporary) curator. Ms. Winters suggested that a founder of Vox Poluli, an artist co-op, might be a good choice, as well as a curator from the Studio Museum of Harlem. Ms. Halsey suggested that looking into a curator from Locks Gallery could be a good choice, as well.

Ms. Winters said she would send the Coordinator a list of prospective jurors. The Coordinator will create an overview of various juror options to the board for review.

Administrative

Coordinator's update

The Board agreed to review the Coordinator's overview of hours worked at the next meeting.

Next Meetings

The Board agreed to move future Arts Board meetings to Mondays in the coming months. Next meetings will all be 7pm at the 20*20 House:

- Monday, September 26, 2016
- Monday, November 7, 2016 (note: no October meeting)

- Monday, December 5, 2016
- Monday, January 9, 2017
- Monday, February 6, 2017
- ? Monday, March 13, 2017? (Date not set for certain)

Creative Placemaking

The board reviewed the October 2014 overview of goals and plans. This overview was created by the Coordinator and the board as a guide for LAB activities going forward. As part of the discussion, Ms. Hughes suggested that LAB should be developing financial incentives for buying houses. A discussion followed, during which members discussed the value of having the many players in the community in better communication with each other. Also discussed was the need for the Arts board to fully back Matt Schultz's effort at the Lansdowne Historic Theater Corporation. Ms. Halsey suggested that Ms. Hughes do a presentation to the board about her 2013 Masters of Arts and Science thesis, which reviews how small cities have created and made use of local arts agencies similar to the Arts Board.

The Coordinator shared that Tyler School of Art's Planning and Community Development Department had approached her about Lansdowne being studied as part of the program's spring studio course; she will be meeting with Jeffrey Doshna later in the fall to discuss the possible collaboration.. The board was highly enthusiastic about this development, and looks forward to hearing more about the bootleg creative placemaking plan that might result from the study. The Coordinator also mentioned the Pittsfield, MA community arts organizer, Maria McGinnis, and would follow up with making contact and learning about that city's use of the arts in its revitalization efforts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

<p><i>LAB Next Steps</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Megan Halsey: ● Clare Hughes: ● Bill Patterson ● Liz Steele Coates: ● Maya Winters: ● Hanne Weedon: 	<p><i>Next board meeting agenda:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review Coordinators hours ● Review LAB goals ● Review and chose next gallery juror ● Roll out creative placemaking plan ● Review 2017 LAB budget <p><i>Next LAB meetings</i> Mondays, 7pm, 20*20 House 9/26/16, 11/7/16, 12/5/16, 1/9/17, 2/6/17 (note: no October 2016 meeting)</p>
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Questions for Borough Liaison/Borough Council:

Questions for Borough Manager: