

CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING: September 10, 2013

BEGIN: 6:25 PM

END: 8:00 PM

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MASSCreative Advocacy Platform

Create the Vote set up with intent to hold mayoral candidates accountable in supporting the arts and to encourage the development of a formal platform for expanding planning and support for the arts in Boston. Funding from Barr Foundation is supporting the initiative, which is being designed as a scalable model for other cities across Commonwealth in local elections and for the upcoming MA gubernatorial race.

Foundry Works Building

Proposal for mixed use ground with lab space on floors above. The building is a gift to the city on the condition of the commitment for a minimum of 10,000 sf for community use in arts and culture. The mayor and 6 councilors support the project with ideas of potential STEAM center for art and science connections of professional artists with scientists and programs for CPS students. HMFH has been hired for study to renovate up to code as a starting point.

5 Western Avenue / Alice K. Wolf Center

A Long Story, Lynn Basa, Artist

Jason gave presentation of the public art project in the renovated Police Station, "Long Story" by Lynn Basa, 2013, glass project in hallway transom windows on three floors. Colorful glass captures movement of people and brings light into interior of building. Features "rondelle glass" that recalls historic windows and glass making in a new light. Lynn is a Chicago artist and used local glass artist, Dan Moor on Sherman Street. Themes include:

1st floor: **Rough Patch** – Cambridge Multiservice Center (greens/yellows/blues)

2nd floor: **Transit of Hope** – Community Learning Center (reds/oranges)

3rd floor: **It's Getting Crowded in Here** – Cambridge Housing Authority (blues)

Cambridge Rindge & Latin High School

Taking Note, Mel Ziegler, Artist

Jason presented the Mel Ziegler project at CRLS, "Taking Note". Mel worked with CRLS students and collected over 300 pages of graphic notes taken during classes that led to the creation of 8 whimsical sculptural elements with one on the facade and the rest in hallways of CRLS. The elements are colorful calligraphic floating symbols and letters. Themes include Sidestep, Circle in Motion, Food Cycle, Heat Transfer (marshmallow and fire), Path, and Zoo Plankton.

Jason also noted that Jeremy is making good progress on signage plaques for all public artwork, an important component for identity and public awareness.

There will be a joint Public Art tour for CAC board, Public Art Commission and CAC staff on 10/15/13, 5:30pm. Reception to follow at the home of Lori and Kyle Damon.

Next meeting is November 19, 2013, 6-7:30pm.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Damon, Lori Lander, Ann Lawson, Diane Norris, Phyllis Bretholtz, Diana Lempel, Matt Weinberg, Luis Edgardo Cotto, Jason Weeks, Executive Director

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Mroczek, Stella Aguirre McGregor, Aliyah Gary

Respectfully submitted, Diane Norris, Secretary, CAC