

Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Committee
March 3, 2020 Meeting

5:00-6:00 PM, Sophie Anastos Conference Room, City Hall, 2nd Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139

Members present: Marian Darlington-Hope, Kim Bernstein, Sarah Burks, Gail Willet, Kimberly Sansoucy, Barbara Berenson, Jane Kamensky, Vanessa Till Hooper

Staff present: Hilary Zelson, Jennifer Mathews, Kathy Watkins, Lisa Peterson

- February 12th Community Meeting – Summary & Action Items
 - Staff and Committee members who were present summarize February 12, 2020 Community Meeting with artist-finalists.
 - Jane Kamensky can connect artist-finalists to Schlesinger Library Reference Department to provide selection of links to primary sources/informative materials as they develop proposals.
 - Sarah Burks is working on compilation of quotes from Cambridge suffragists and anti-suffragists, which might inspire artists.

- Next Project Steps
 - Artist proposals due April 13th
 - Proposals will be displayed physically at various locations for public feedback.
 - City staff will work with Library to display at branches; will reach out to Harvard Square Business Association to discuss display nearby Common.
 - Will be displayed online as well, with feedback form.
 - Working on signage for Cambridge Common, to inform public and direct to project website to view proposals and provide feedback.
 - Jennifer Mathews & Vanessa Till Hooper to meet with CRLS #HerVote Club for input on Common sign design.
 - Historical Commission must approve signs; will submit for review at April meeting.
 - Finalists Present to Community – April 29th
 - Nineteenth Amendment Committee and other Selection Committee members not required to attend this meeting but may want to do so for context.
 - Summary of public comments will be provided to Selection Committee before they meet.
 - JM will email all Selection Committee members to remind them of 4/29 meeting and why they may wish to attend.
 - Since meeting will be at Senior Center, must make sure the mics are charged and ready to go. Sound/acoustics can be difficult there.

- Selection Committee chooses winning proposal – May 13th
 - Senior Center booked for location. Not ideal for group discussion so staff will explore other options.
 - All members of Selection Committee are confirmed except #HerVote representative member. City staff will follow up with #HerVote.
 - Law Department has confirmed Selection Committee will be a public body. Public meeting required. City staff will handle process of City Manager appointing those members, posting notice, etc.
- Community Feedback Discussion
 - Important to receive robust feedback on proposals.
 - Should allow for open ended comments, but not ranking or voting. Don't want to suggest this is a public vote process where whoever has the most positive feedback wins. Will be deliberative Selection Committee process.
 - City staff will develop draft comment form/review process for Committee review at next meeting.
 - Can model off feedback forms used for Foundry art project.
 - Anticipate paper forms with physical displays, which would match online form.
- Next Meeting & Adjournment
 - Next regular Committee meeting Tuesday, April 7th.
 - Meeting adjourns at approx. 6 p.m.