

**WESTON ARTS and INNOVATION CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD (WAIC-AB)  
MINUTES  
For the meeting held on  
Wednesday, January 4, 2017 – 9:15 AM  
WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY – CONFERENCE ROOM  
87 SCHOOL STREET, WESTON, MA 02493**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:18**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Joel Angiolillo, Susan Brennan\*, Diane Butts\*, Cecily Cassum, Gloria Cole\*, Lee McCanne, Audrey Pepper, John Sallay\*, Doris Sullivan\*, Adam Wisnia (\* Ex-Officio Members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Thompson, Nicole Mordecai

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Rebekah Gardiner, Jennifer Warner

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:** Cecily Cassum

The minutes from the 11/9/2016 meeting were approved.

Joel A said the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) hasn't met since our last Advisory Board meeting and therefore there is no update on the renovation design work. Because the design work hasn't begun, there is no possibility that the WAIC will be able to go before May Town Meeting, which would require that we have all our final development costs presented to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) by February.

John S reported that the JSTOL Working Group is meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>. The JSTOL Working Group will discuss whether they will continue as a committee and whether the Josiah Smith Tavern design work will be on the warrant for May or November for design funding.

A discussion followed covering the various projects across town that will be requesting funds at Town Meeting this year.

Joel A summarized a meeting recently held to discuss WAIC finances and future financial structure. Joel A and Susan B have talked to Peg Ober of the Friends of the Weston Public Library (WPL) and have determined that the WPL will organize the WAIC as a 501(c)(3). Susan said many libraries are organized as 501(c)(3)s, including Wellesley's. Susan will reach out to the Wellesley library and other local 501(c)(3)s to serve as models. The Weston Media Center is a 501(c)(3) and Gloria C has experience establishing and running these organizations. Joel stated that, as a 501(c)(3), the WAIC will need by-laws. The process of writing by-laws will start shortly.

Adam W discussed the approach he is developing to fundraising, which will ramp up in earnest shortly.

Joel A announced that the email list is now up to 481. Joel will send out his monthly email today.

In the past weeks, Nicole M has trained 3 other board members on how to maintain the website. Nicole continues to enhance the website and is using Eventbrite to register attendees for the various events.

Joel A will write a WAIC status article for publication in The Town Crier soon.

Audrey P reported on several upcoming programs, including Open Mic Night in January, John Thompson's printmaking workshop in February, a jewelry making workshop in March and a GoPro workshop in April. She also described several other workshops and events that are in the planning stages. Audrey and the programming/publicity committee are in discussions with an artist to develop a 'donor wall'.

Audrey discussed different approaches the WAIC can take regarding programming for children. She hopes to schedule a focus group in April to elicit feedback from parents about what they'd like the WAIC to offer children.

Susan B said that a group out of the MIT FabLab has approached her hoping to collaborate with the WPL in providing a Tinker & Create program, which focuses on children. Audrey will follow up with them to tour their lab and discuss collaboration.

Audrey said the WAIC will also be present at the Spring Fling again this year.

Going forward, the WAIC Advisory Board will meet the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is February 1.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.