

## Minutes - Business Meeting - Via Zoom

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Members Present: 15 New Members: 0

1. **Call to Order** 7:11 p.m.
2. **Adoption** of the Agenda.
3. **Approval** of the previous business meeting minutes with the following addition, by Martin Sollanych, Seconded Christine Malone

(As requested from Thelka Wright (guest from February 10th) that her notes be included in our meeting notes):

Poco has always had a central core with Shaughnessy St and Leigh Square (now named Leigh Square Arts village) both giving it the small town centre and feel, this feel is still there today,

I am particularly interested in the incorporation of the Elks Hall into the working and doings in the village - by doing so, it completes the art village concept.

The Elks Hall was recently purchased by the City with the non fixed plans to date on its usage.

I along with others envision the concept of a building with a multipurpose main floor room for many activities such as performance, art shows, workshops of all kinds, rentals for special occasions and celebrations. The remainder of the area would comprise meeting rooms, a kitchen, washrooms, and spaces for artists to work in, etc.

I would be happy to send to Art Focus the results of a 2003 proposal by the Council for the use of the Elks Hall. I would push for council to review this plan which includes all of the options mentioned earlier.

If put into place all would be able to enjoy a complete, integrated Arts Village.

4. **President's Report:** Bob Wallace
  1. Facebook AFAA - please Share so it goes to your friends - Like does not do that.

2. Application has been sent to the City of POCO for the Michael Wright Gallery. We asked for the Michael Wright Gallery from January 12 - April 26 2022 though it's up to the City if it's accepted, also the location and date. There's also a secure glass display case for carvings and smaller art work. Lots of time to plan in the Fall, if we are accepted. "Beyond Vistas and Visions" is the title for the application so Bob could use some of the good photos of our artwork to include with the application (example of the type of art in the show). In the Fall, the pieces submitted must go in the They can project the VAS video on the screen on the opening night. No Spring show this year. If this show is accepted, we could spend the Fall getting ready for the show and perhaps do Zeny's idea of a calendar which could be given away at the show. Bob will send an email when he hears if we are accepted. Bob hopes we will be back in the Outlet in the Fall but that is to be determined.
3. Articipate Group - Christine Malone and others are on the survey committee which continues working for more benefits from tax dollars in the community.

**5. Treasurer's Report - Martin Sollanych**

<b>Account</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Account	\$100	\$900	\$613.60
Gaming	-	-	\$397.85
Scholarship	-	-	\$614.01
City CCD	-	\$150	\$3299.77
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4925.23</b>

**Cash into General Account:**

Membership Fees \$854  
 Commission Virtual Show Sale (Amy) \$15

**Cash out of General Account:**

Virtual Show Final Payment        \$900

**Cash out of CCD Account:**

Enda Bardell Demo \$150

**We still need to raise \$150 more scholarship money.**

Silent Auction (not public)?

50/50 (\$5 ticket x 30 members - not public)?

Raffle John's donated painting (\$5 ticket - not public)?

Transfer \$150 from General Account?

Other ideas?

**6. Committee Reports**

**A. Community Events/Publicity/Demos - Christine Malone**

- a. Demo March 24th - the presenter is watercolorist and art instructor Ian de Hoop. Information regarding this demo will be posted on the City website, in the Artists' Journal, sent to our members, to PMAA and to Suite E. It will be put on Facebook, Instagram and a notice will be on our website ahead of time. It is also sent to our [artfocuspoco@gmail.com](mailto:artfocuspoco@gmail.com) emailing list (380+ names).

**B. Social Co-Ordinator - Val Bordian (absent)**

- C. **Outside Hanging Committee** - Talked with Glen Pollack at the MLA's office and they would love to have artwork back in the office. Postponed. In the future, the City will coordinate city hall hangings.

**D. Sunshine Committee - Christine Koenders (absent)**

**E. Facebook Co-Ordinator - Teesa Christie (absent), Information presented by Bob**

- a. Put \$50 for advertising Feb 10-22, 4,525 people clicked, 187 liked, 73 followed the link to our show,,

**F. Instagram Co-Ordinator - Amy Siddaway**

- a. Not as many art from members to post; please send photos to Amy along with the title, size, etc. Can message to Amy by email or IG or any way. The posts get a lot of attention and we are getting more views. Able to connect with other artists, e.g. 100 Braid Street. Amy got a commissioned art request.

**7. Old Business - Website Update - Mylene Dayrit-Kubicek - absent**

**8. New Business**

- **Leigh Square 2021 Survey** - Christine Malone
  - o Anticipate - Bob and Christine are on the panel, As of today, 321 respondents (deadline March 15th). About 28 pages of comments. Lots of good suggestion submitted. Information needs to be compiled and analyzed then sent to the participants and City Council.
  
- **Civic Centre Project** - Bob Wallace
  - o Was on a Zoom meeting with the mayor, engineer and others from the art community and farmers market, car show and others. They provided the plan and could ask questions.
  - o McAllister project construction will take place this year.
  - o All else (below) is for 2022:
  - o Veterans Park - The cenotaph will be moved to a more prominent place; border gardens and fences will be removed and the main archway shifted to the corner. The sidewalk will angle and feed into Leigh Square.
  - o Leigh Square - Some of the concepts and plans are: One big square, no vehicle traffic, and lots of tables and chairs added. Overhead lighting and speakers on cables. All the parking stalls, lanes, barriers will be removed to be like an open square in Europe. The bandshell will be shifted, centred by City Hall. Laneway for deliveries only. Will put in surface plug-ins (no more noisy generators). With the bandshell moved, you will see the Outlet and Gathering Place easier. The fountain will be tied to the music with lights.
  - o Donald Pathway will funnel people into Leigh Square.
  - o Sliding glass doors or storefront added on the west wall of the Outlet.
  - o Wanting to attract families and people of all ages. Improve safety and create an area that is fun and lively.
  - o Comments are still being accepted online on the City website.

***Adjournment at: 8:24 p.m.***

***Next Meeting: April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM***