

Middletown Commission On the Arts      Public Arts Sub Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2015 4:00 P.M.

Present: Charlotte McCoid, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Jenny Hawkins Lecce, Julia Faraci

Call to Order:

Charlotte McCoid called the meeting to order at 4:05pm in Municipal Building Room B19.

A brief meeting was called for the following:

1. Review of municipal building art works and their de-accession/maintenance/moving
2. Overview of upcoming fall topics

### **1. Review of municipal building art works and their de-accession/maintenance/moving**

An attractive and uncluttered City Hall, proudly displaying City art acquisitions, is an important component of Middletown's presentation to the community and visitors as a place where the arts are vital.

Discussion of art works currently on display on hallway walls in Municipal Building. Deaccession of some purchases was discussed. Cleaning, restoration or other maintenance of some works is necessary.

Labelling will be approved by the Commission this week.

Artwork could also be relocated to other city sites, such as the Senior Center or the High School, where their size, format, and/or subject matter could be displayed to best advantage. The City will move and re-hang/re-stage art to other city agencies.

### **2. Overview of upcoming Fall topics**

The Public Arts Committee has been provided with access to digital storage. The Committee can commence storage of image files and notes, and record keeping can be converted to a numerical system.

The role of art and culture in the City plans for the Riverfront and other new initiatives was discussed.

Travelling shows of City-owned art can engage the public at events such as the monthly Art Walks.

New for this year will be deliberately curated shows presented with educational signage on the walls at the Municipal Building. The work will be selected from our collection. Work on the first curated presentation to begin immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.