

MEETING OF THE VISITOR SERVICES BOARD
JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM
JUNE 10, 2003, 11:00 A.M.
MINUTES

Present: Steve Melamed, Barbara Rushmore, Pasquale Natale, Lynne Davies, Mick Rudd.

Staff: Sandra Turner, Deputy DPW Director; Pam Hudson

Others: Candace Collins-Boden, Chamber of Commerce; Martha Lyon, Paysage; Dennis Rhodes, Lambda Literary Society

Absent with excuse: Rose Basile, Michael Van Belle, Patricia Fitzpatrick

Mr. Melamed called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

#1. Lynne Davies was welcomed as a new member. She represents the Provincetown Business Guild.

#2. Waterfront Park Planning: Mr. Melamed recognized Sandy Turner. Ms. Turner reported that the DPW has solicited RFPs for a landscape architect for the waterfront park. Two responses were received. Paysage submitted the lower bid.

Ms. Turner explained the various sources of funding for the project and outlined physical area to be included in the waterfront complex. This includes Lopes Square, the current waterfront park along the harbor, and the area near public restrooms, which is to be a "transportation center."

The DPW is looking for direction on what the waterfront park should be. Mr. Natale explained that the committee for Art in Public Places is working on ideas for the waterfront area. Mr. Melamed suggested a separate meeting to coordinate efforts and come up with specific direction for Ms. Lyon of Paysage. **A planning meeting for this project has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th, 11 A.M. at MacMillan Pier.** Candy Collins-Boden from the Chamber, Peter Grasso from the Lions Club, and Betty-Steele Jeffers from the Historic Committee are to be invited.

Ms. Lyon gave a slide show presentation, which included work she has done on the Bas Relief Park and the Winthrop St. Cemetery, and explained her scope of services. Her fee is \$23,760. (Her proposal is filed with these minutes.)

The feeling of the Board is that the historic walking trail should be considered during the planning process.

Barbara Rushmore moved that the VSB recommend that Paysage be hired as the landscape architect for the Waterfront Park. Lynne Davies seconded. So voted: 5-0

#3. Dennis Rhodes, representing Lambda Literary Festival, was recognized. Date of Festival: October 10 – 12 (Columbus Day week-end). Mr. Melamed asked that Mr. Rhodes put in a formal grant application, including a request for a specific amount.

#3. Birdman Festival: The event was greatly enjoyed, and also extremely well organized. There were some concerns expressed about emergency rescue response time.

It was moved and seconded that Birdman 2004 be funded. So voted 4-0.

#4. **It as moved and seconded that the Minutes of May 13 be accepted. So voted 4-0.**

#5. The Cavalcade of Music was discussed. The general feeling of the merchants was that the event, in combination with CabaretFest and Yard Sale Weekend, had a positive impact on the overall level of business.

#6. The Kalmar Nyckel is due back in August.

#7. Foreign Workers Welcome will be held on June 24th.

#8. The Provincetown Theater Co. Holiday Production final report was accepted and is submitted with these minutes.

#9. Ms. Rushmore questioned the reporting process for the shuttle. Don Richards is our liaison between the VSB and the Regional Transit Authority. He has previously agreed to submit a monthly report.

#10. The suggestion was brought up that we require final reports for municipal grants as we do with other types of grants.

#11. The Cultural Council has suggested creating the position of Poet Laureate for the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.