

FACA Steering Committee Minutes August 10, 2016

In attendance: Nancy Salmon, Scott Miller, Jane Bradley, Betsy Roper, Ed Bradley, David Webster, Lola Lee, Keith McBride

Motion to accept minutes of June 28, 2016 meeting. Ed moved, Nancy seconded. Discussion re Ellen's question about all willing to use pledge for insurance. All in favor of minutes as written.

Motion to formally accept Julie Freund's resignation and invite Lola Lee onto the Board. Ed moved. David seconded. All in Favor. Lola accepted.

Ed reported that the Maine Arts Commission Cultural Planning application was denied. No feedback from MAC as yet. Ed talked to Saskia about:

- 1) will she work w/us on the Cultural Plan - yes
- 2) will she work less expensively – yes, depending upon the work we've already completed
- 3) may we still apply to MAC for the \$75k to implement our Cultural Plan if we don't have Phase 1 funding from MAC – yes

Town Council has been alerted that FACA did not receive the grant. Council says the \$10K from the Town is earmarked for the Cultural Plan. there is a question as to whether it is only available as matching funds or can be used to fully fund a lower-cost option. Keith will have the Town Manager call MAC and ask for feedback letter and info.

Motion to engage Saskia to help FACA develop the Freeport Cultural Plan at our cost of \$8000, matched by Town Council. Nancy moved, David seconded. All in favor

David presented all the options being considered to determine if theater space/audience space is truly available at Property C.

Motion to spend as much as \$1200 to engage a structural engineer and pay ancillary costs for further evaluation of theater options at 31 Main. David moved. Scott seconded. All in favor. Question as to whether the engineer's report is written or verbal.

Betsy presented a proposal that we consider 13 School St as a possible Arts & Cultural Center, an alternative to Property C. There was discussion about advantages (lower cost) and disadvantages (much smaller space).

Motion that Betsy and Gar contact the realtor about a 30-60 day opportunity to consider this space at no cost. Ed moved. David seconded. All in favor (subsequently the realtor will meet at 11:00, Monday, 8/15 to show us space)

A Cultural Plan Committee of Ed, Lola and Keith was formed to work with Saskia. Others are welcome to join.

Adjourned at 9:18

Joyfully submitted by Nancy Salmon