

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Special Meeting of Tuesday, 24 June 2014
Downtown Partnership Office, Storrs Center Transportation Center

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 5:00p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* none. *Others present:* Cynthia van Zelm (Downtown Partnership), Jay O’Keefe (staff).

2. Correspondence. Ms. van Zelm reported that:

a. Brian Kent, the Landscape Architect for the Square, thought there was enough room to install Boyajian’s two sculptures (“Weaving shuttle” and “Eye of the needle”) together (as intended by the artist) at one of the two sites designated for sculpture, provided their arrangement did not impede access to the Square.

b. The donors have agreed that Boyajian’s “Weaving shuttle” and “Eye of the needle” honor the criteria laid out in the Request for Proposals. They prefer that these works be separately located, facing one another, at the two sites along Dog Lane.

3. Site visit. The Committee then walked to the Square to locate, from the architect’s plan, the sites reserved for sculpture and to consider what placement to recommend. The consensus reached was that Boyajian’s two sculptures would be best placed together at the Dog Lane/Royce Circle location, aligned so that both are visible from the opposite Royce Circle/Storrs Road corner of the square. These pieces would be more prominent in this location, where they would be out from under the large oak (which is, as Tom remarked, “its own sculpture”) and away from the sun-shade structure. The site under the oak would be best for a low piece like Chapin’s “River flowing over mill,” which would look good there.

4. Adjourned at 5:30p. Committee members were invited to attend the Partnership Board meeting on 03 July (4:00p, Council Chambers), at which a decision on sculpture in the Square may be made.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 25 June 2014; approved 02 September 2014.