

**WESTON ART & INNOVATION CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD (Weston AIC-AB)  
For the meeting held on  
Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 – 3:00 PM  
Art and Innovation Center  
356 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA 02493**

Meeting called to order at 3 pm. Minutes taken by Joel Angiolillo. Members in attendance:

Present		
P	Cecily Cassum	AIC Board, Chair
P	Joel Angiolillo	AIC Board, Clerk, Treasurer
P	Audrey Pepper	AIC Board
P	John Thompson	AIC Board
P	Lee McCanne	AIC Board
	Jenn Warner	Weston Public Library
P	Alli Palmgren	Weston Public Library
	Susan Brennan	Member of the Public
P	Nathan Suher	Weston Media Center ED
P	Nicole Mordecai	Member of the Public
P	Jean Arturi	AIC Manager

Minutes of the 1/17/20 meeting were approved unanimously.

**CoCreateX**

Contract was signed recently. They will be running the open houses through March.

**Open Houses**

We had our first two Open Houses (Sundays 1 to 3). The attendance is low, but we are hoping that it will grow as it gets established. We would like to have as many activities as possible going on. Board members are encouraged to “set up shop” (with some type of activity) during the open houses. Several board members can make the next open house.

**Rentals**

Rentals continue to pick up. The board discussed having a policy for groups that want to rent a room for the same time slot for multiple weeks. The general sense is that for time slots that are currently underused we should consider such recurring rentals. For popular slots we should refrain from blocking out rooms because it limits our flexibility of renting to a variety of groups or for new programs.

**Signs on Front of Building**

Signs are now on the front of the building. Everyone thinks they look great.

**Programming**

Earth Day is 4/22 and lasts for a week. It is not clear we can get anything together with SWAG to host an Earth Day event (other than the Bike Clinic on Saturday 4/25). It is school vacation week so some families will be away.

Margaret Wiss will be hosting a dance film festival.

We have not had any woodworking programs. The board discussed types of woodworking programs, tools, dust, etc. It seems like woodworking with hand tools could be a possibility, but would require an investment in tools.

The Chinese Cultural Center in Waltham has approached us about hosting a small Chinese film festival.

The Board discussed having another “sharpening clinic” in the spring, possibly to coincide with the annual Weston Garden Club plant sale. Joel will look into dates.

Joel will investigate doing a Fix-It Clinic on “mending.”

There is some interest in a Fix-It Clinic to rehab household goods and then deliver them to the non-profit [householdworks.org](http://householdworks.org) in Acton. Joel and John will pursue.

Joel had intended to submit an application to the MCC for painting murals on the Mass Central Rail Trail underpasses, but he didn’t successfully submit the application. The next cycle in is the Fall.

The board discussed purchasing a “bike tune up station” (grant money?) for the AIC. This could be set up out back. Alli showed a few examples.

Audrey is exploring the possibility of doing art shows in the Reading Room. She has a few ideas of local artists. The single-artist shows would be up for several months.

### **Future Board Meetings**

It was decided to change to a once a month meeting, instead of once every week. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:15 at the AIC. The next board meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00.