

**FINAL**

**CITY OF LEBANON  
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Special Meeting - Site Walk  
June 24, 2019  
Lebanon Downtown Tunnel  
Meeting convened at 17 Mascoma Street, Lebanon**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jessica Giordani (Chair), Joe Clifford (Vice-Chair), Devin Wilkie, Rob Welsch, Bill Dunn, Karen Zook, Rebecca Foster

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sherry Fiore, Ben Van Vliet, Amy Dingley

**STAFF PRESENT:** Director of Planning and Zoning David Brooks, Public Works Director Jim Donison

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. SITE WALK**

- A. **TUNNEL WALK** - Walk through the Downtown Tunnel to familiarize the Commission with the tunnel and discuss the role the Arts & Culture Commission may play regarding the City's Tunnel rehabilitation and reuse project.

Public Works Director Jim Donison opened the Downtown Tunnel and provided hard hats for Commission members entering the tunnel. Mr. Donison and Mr. Brooks provided commentary as the Commission walked along the tunnel, noting the distinction between the state-owned bridge and the city-owned tunnel. Mr. Donison also briefly described the proposed finished ground surface within the tunnel and the proposed location of the 'skylight'.

Commission members noted the height and length of the tunnel and the potential for murals, artwork, and sculptures along the smooth concrete walls and within various alcoves. It was mentioned that the original stacked block retaining wall should be retained and potentially highlighted as part of the history of the tunnel and the prior rail use.

Rebecca Foster arrived at approximately 4:35pm. Mr. Clifford and Mr. Dunn left the meeting at approximately 4:40pm.

**3. OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**4. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

None

**5. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Rob Welsch moved that the Commission adjourn. The motion was seconded by Karen Zook. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brooks  
*Director of Planning and Zoning*