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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Date: February 12, 2024
Subject: Appointment

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I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as the Cultural Council liaison to the Public Art Committee. This term will expire on March 1, 2027.

Paula Estey
3 Pine Street
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To The City of Newburyport
Letter of Intent for The Public Art Committee
January 25, 2024

From:
Paula Estey, Executive Director of The PEG Center
3 Harris Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Having been part of the committee that helped create our City's Public Art policy, it is my sincere interest to now serve as a member of The Public Art Committee. I feel that my decades of experience as an art curator and independent art contractor will bring with it an understanding and knowledge about the process of public art commissions and projects as well as a unique creative viewpoint to the process. I thank you for considering me to be part of this important cultural committee at such an expansive time in our City's history.

Paula Estey

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Founder, Executive Director
The PEG Center for Art and Activism nonprofit organization 501c3
3 Harris Street
Newburyport, MA 01950
2014 to present

- Curate multiple exhibitions per year
- Create and coordinate community events
- Off-site art locations throughout the region
- Collaborate with other nonprofits to create programming, events and educational opportunities

Founder, The Women in Action Huddle of Greater Newburyport
3 Harris Street
Newburyport, MA 01950
2017- present

- Leader of women's activist and support group
- Responsible for speakers, events, initiatives, including the Edible Avenue of Indigenous Plants on a section of Newburyport's Rail Trail
- Responsible for liaison between activist groups in our area and the Huddle
- Organize marches, gatherings for climate causes
- Manages garden plots along The Clipper City Rail Trail, one of which grows food for First Parish Food Pantry
- Liaisons volunteer opportunities with other nonprofit organizations

Independent Art Contractor

2008-2012

- Responsible for pop-up art events throughout Metro Boston and Essex County
- Showcased the works of more than 100 artists to creative venues, from existing art venues to restaurants and event halls
- Curated, installed and produced art pop ups from inception to completion

Artist in Residence, Unity on the River Spiritual Center

2000-2008

58 Macy Street

Amesbury, MA 01913

- Produced two major collections for the center's permanent archives
- Taught multiple creative and spiritual classes
- Taught painting
- Facilitated Julia Cameron's "The Artist's Way" more than ten times to hundreds of participants
- Created and ran the Unity Art Gallery for ten years, producing more than 50 shows open to the public

Founder/Owner Paula Estey Designs

1995-2000

13 Cedar Street

Amesbury, MA 01913

- Wholesale functional pottery business, employing up to twelve people
- Responsible for five new design series per year
- Responsible for attending wholesale shows in Boston, New York and Philadelphia
- Clients included QVC and Nordstrom

Education

Goddard College, Plainfield, VT 1972-1975

Pingree School, South Hamilton, MA Graduated 1971

- President of the Student Council, 1970 & 1971