

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2006
7 PM

Attendees:

Garin Baker
Clayton Buchanan
Natasha Cotton
Beth Ann Gilmore
Jim Hoekema
Karen Heroy
Tom Kneiser
Stuart Sachs
Kevin White
Martha Zola
Peter Cody

Absent:

Kippy Boyle
Torrance Harvey

Staff:

Courtney Kain

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes for meeting of June 14, 2006

SS moved and GB seconded that minutes be approved. (Unanimous decision)
CARRIED

III. In Memory of Peter Billman

The commission discussed ways to recognize and honor the achievements of Peter Billman, an artist, an activist and longtime member of the Newburgh art community. It was suggested that the commission entertain the idea of an arts event to formally recognize the artist's contributions to Newburgh.

IV. Meeting Frequency

SS moved and BG seconded that the schedule of meeting frequency be changed to 1x per month- i.e. 2nd Wed. of the month. (Unanimous decision)
CARRIED

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2006, and once per month thereafter.

Committee Reports

1. Artist Support and Advocacy

. The staffing committee agreed to designate any additional members, Associate Advisors. This is an excellent way to get out-of-house participation and to properly recognize individuals for their input and hard work.

MZ moved and PC seconded that new members be designated Assoc. Advisors. The commission unanimously approved.

2. Staffing

Interviewing is expected to begin in August. They hope to have someone in place by October, at the very least. KH suggested an email be sent to members detailing the newspaper listings for the commission's final review.

3. Public Relations and Marketing

Individuals are urged to contact this committee if there are any upcoming happenings in the community. Courtney gave an assessment on the Trolley. She mentioned that a few advocates have spoken before the County Legislature to help support the funding of a purchase. The City is formulating its position of transportation necessity.

TK moved and KH seconded to table further discussion of support of Green Technology. The commission unanimously agreed.

4. Special Events

NC urged members to vote draft to put together a budget for first year goals, including Broadway Bash. Also, the committee is scheduled to meet w/ Courtney Kain to discuss Dutch Reformed Church project.

BG moved and KH seconded to move forward on Broadway Bash. The commission unanimously agreed.

5. Arts Center

6. Youth Education and Outreach

Scheduled to meet with the School district's Dr. Saturnelli to discuss an incentive program to help spur creativity in youth.

SS moved and GB seconded that the education committee put a proposal together to the Board of Education for the sponsorship of this program. The commission unanimously agreed.

V. Old/New Business

Hudson Opera House- as possible funding mechanism

Courtney commented she would make recommendation to Council to implement candidates for open vacancies at the July Council meeting.

VI. Public Comment

Guest, Karen Mejia, new resident of Newburgh, thanked commission for warm welcome. She is interested in getting involved on the Youth Education & Outreach and Public Relations and Marketing committees.

VII. Closing

Agenda items for the next meeting

Announcements and Round-Robin Closing

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM