

City of Newburgh  
**Arts & Culture Commission**  
Monthly Meeting – **January 10, 2007, 7:00 pm**  
Newburgh Performing Arts Academy - 62 Grand St.

Commissioners Attending:

Garin Baker (GB)  
Kippy Boyle (KB)  
Clayton Buchanan (CB)  
Ilyana Campos (IC)  
Natasha Cotton (NC)  
Karen Heroy (KH)  
Jim Hoekema (JH)  
Thomas Knieser (TK)  
Stuart Sachs (SS)  
Kevin White (KW)  
Martha Zola (MZ)

Commissioners Absent:

Peter Cody (PC)  
Torrance Harvey (TH)  
Beth Ann Gilmore (BG)

**PRELIMINARIES**

December 20 minutes approved (MZ, KB, unanimous)

**STAFFING COMMITTEE (Martha Zola)**

Kendal Henry has been offered and has accepted the position of Cultural and Economic Director. He hopes to attend the February ACC meeting.

**ARTIST SUPPORT & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (Martha Zola)**

**Artist-in-Residence Zoning**

Committee has discussed the draft document, including comments from Garin. The revised draft should be ready for ACC resolution at next full ACC meeting.

**Artist Survey**

Committee plans to resume this project soon.

**Letter on Artist Space in Waterfront Development**

RESOLVED: To send a letter to the City requesting that the agreement with Leyland Alliance on the waterfront redevelopment project should include provision for affordable artist space (ownership and rental), a gallery, and flexible art space, and that the planning process include a representative of the ACC. PASSED (against – JH)

## MARKETING/PR COMMITTEE (Tom Kneiser)

### Media List

Kippy has the beginnings of a media list available in Excel format.

### Logo Design

Press release has been issued for the competition for the design of an ACC logo, with a deadline of Feb. 23. It was sent to various outlets, including NFA, MSMC, Salon & Pratt.

## SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Natasha Cotton)

NC circulated draft position statement for an events coordinator, but description as a "Vice President" position with a "salary" seemed at odds with resolution to explore potential part-time consultant. NC will bring revised version to next ACC meeting.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

GB notes that City has requested ACC to propose a program for the "Playground on Wheels" item approved in the City budget for the Parks Dept. Nothing has been done on this as yet.

## FUNDING COMMITTEE (Garin Baker)

GB & SS met with City Manager to present the "Percent for Art" draft legislation, which will require a City Council resolution. CM expressed concern about the figures, but a walk through examples clarified the formulas. Resolution needs to be passed before the development contract with Leyland is executed. KW and MZ will draft "Talking Points" for ACC to use when expressing support at an upcoming City Council meeting.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE (Jim Hoekema)

Press release announcing ACC vacancies was issued today. JH noted that previous process should have included final approval of recommendations by the City Council. Taking into account the informal "trading" of terms that occurred in the first year, there are four vacancies to be filled. MOTION: Ask retiring commissioners to stay on until vacancies are filled (JH, SS, PASSED – KW abstained).

## OTHER

- KB reported that the City has applied to the Orange County Arts Commission for an arts grant without consulting the ACC. MOTION: Draft letter protesting this (KB, SS, PASSED, JH abstained)
- GB reported that the ACC can also apply separately.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Meeting notes recorded by JH.