

Newburgh Arts and Cultural Commission

Meeting Minutes -October 5, 2020

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Newburgh Arts + Cultural Committee was held on Monday October 5, 2020 by Co-Chairs Belinda McKeon and Naomi Miller, with Erica Forneret taking minutes. Ms. Lipinski called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Attendance

Voting members in attendance included Belinda. McKeon (co-chair), Naomi Miller (co-chair), Michael Gabor, Erica Forneret, Marlene Lipinski, Joy Zelada, Manda Martin, Mr. Sachs Sachs, Michelle Roach and Robert Pagliaro (joined at 7:45)

Members not in attendance included:

Members of the public in attendance were Gerardo Castro, Harineta Rigatos, Vincent Cianni

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous September 6, 2020 meeting was made by Ms. McKeon. There was no secretary in September, so minutes are pending.

Chairs' Report

Ms. McKeon reported on Trish Haveson's resignation from the Arts & Cultural Commission.

Notes from the Public were shared by Gerardo Castro regarding the Newburgh Open Studio Tour and hopes to support each other and provide more cross promotion with the Arts & Cultural Commission for next year. Work to make next year bigger and better. Gerardo thanked NACC for its support.

Discussion

NACC Secretary

-Mr. Sachs recommended asking the City for secretarial support

-Ms. Forneret volunteered to be Secretary

NACC Treasurer

-Ms. Miller stated that we are required to have a Treasurer. Tabling search for Treasurer until after meeting with the City. Mr. Sachs agreed that we are required to have a Treasurer.

Website Proposal:

-Ms. Miller spoke with Shari Diamond regarding a website for NACC

-Her students are doing a website for class, her students may be able to create a website proposal for NACC

-Mr. Gabor recommended speaking to more members of NACC to get various perspectives on Website

- Ms. Lipinski mentioned that we will still be in charge of content and copy. Students will be creating layout and flow
- Mr. Sachs recommended looking at other arts websites to see what we like/what we want out of the website
- Ms. Martin asked if we will end up with a website at the end or if this is purely an exercise
- Mr. Gabor mentioned that it will benefit us to get an idea together with what we want
- Ms. Miller will follow up with Shari.
- Ms. Forneret and Ms. Lipinski volunteered to coordinate with Shari

Bylaws:

- Ms. Lipinski reported that bylaws still need to be worked on. Ms. Martin asked what needs to happen with bylaws.
- Ms. Martin volunteered to go through bylaws and re-write. She will take a pass at them and make suggestions on what and how to tackle the bylaws.
- Ms. Miller suggested that Ms. Martin give a report on the bylaws and then we'll decide what needs to be changed. Mr. Sachs mentioned that the definition of "resident" had been a sticking point for bylaws.
- Ms. Lipinski has something drafted out on "ethics" that she will report based on Newburgh's procedure on harassment or abuse claims. Ms. Lipinski looked at how the commission operates within its own hemisphere and how it presents itself to the public but stated that loyalty claims, morality issues are missing in the City of Newburgh procedures.
- Mr. Gabor mentioned that bylaws should be for us and define us in the way we would like to be viewed in the present, current form of the Commission.

Nominations:

- Ms. Miller requested that we come up with a plan to grow the Committee.
- Nominations committee consists of Ms. Lipinski, Mr. Zelada
- Mr. Sachs asked what we are lacking in the commission/take an inventory of what disciplines are missing from the Committee.
- Recommendations:
 - Ms. Roach recommended Ralph Williams
 - Mr. Sachs recommended Beth Elliot (dance/Small Plates Dance Festival/Newburgh Illuminated)
 - Mr. Sachs recommended Oprah Wolf
 - Ms. Miller recommended Jo'Van O'Neal and Anusha Mejar

Committee Reports

Percent for Art Committee: Mr. Sachs

- Committee has a meeting with the City Manager. Mr. Sachs, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Miller to meet tomorrow to attempt to restart the Percent for Art Program.
- Mr. Gabor mentioned working the Masonic Temple project into the Percent for Art program even though it is a County sale. Mr. Sachs will ask.

-Ms. Lipinski stated that we are in a good position with the City and asks that Mr. Sachs approach the City regarding Percent for Art money front eh Masonic Temple sale.

Arts & Cultural Survey & Summit Committee: Ms. Miller

-Several Piggy-back meetings, flyering on Liberty, Mill Street, Common Ground Farmer's Market, Healthy Orange Farmers Market, Library

-Around 240 respondents

-Final Community Workshop 10.6

-December 5th 4-5pm set as Summit Date, hoping for Mayor to emcee, working list of performers, open call for visual artists

-Mr. Sachs recommended inviting Romona Monteverde to Summit

Review of Committees

-Mr. Sachs requested help on Percent for Art Committee

-Research & Development:

-Was very active in grant proposal. Ms. Lipinski stated we need to redefine goals for R&D.

-Ms. Lipinski asked what R&D committee goals should be.

-Ms. Miller noted that it was centered around the survey.

-Events and Programming: Ms. Roach is Co-Chair

-Digital Media/Marketing Committee proposed by Ms. McKeon

-Ms. McKeon volunteered to host, Ms. Forneret will join and we will ask Harineta. Mr. Sachs will approach Jim Hoekema from the historic society and Shari.

-Rob volunteered to help centralize the Commission's digital information

-Current Committees:

-Research & Development: Ms. Lipinski, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Gabor, Mr. Zelada, Ms. Miller

-Events & Programming: Ms. Roach

-Percent for Art Committee: Mr. Sachs, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Miller

-Nominations Committee: Ms. Lipinski, Mr. Zelada

-Arts & Cultural Study Committee: Ms. Miller, Ms. Martin, Ms. Forneret, Ms. Lipinski, Naomi Hersson-Ringskog, Harineta Rigatos

-Digital Media/Marketing Committee: Ms. McKeon, Ms. Lipinski, Ms. Forneret

Old Business

Covered in "Discussion"

Ms. Lipinski shared from an article about the sale of the Masonic Temple and creation of a restaurant and event space in the building as it relates to Percent for Art.

New Business

Election of Secretary

Discussion of whether we need a Treasurer

Main Motions

Mr. Sachs moved to elect Ms. Forneret Forneret as Secretary. Ms. Lipinski seconded the motion. Ms. McKeon, Ms. Miller, Mr. Sachs, and Ms. Lipinski approved.

Action Items

- Ms. Miller to speak with Shari Diamond regarding a website for NACC
- Ms. Lipinski and Ms. Martin will get together to work on ethics portion of the Bylaws
- Ms. McKeon will ask Netta to join Digital Media/Marketing Committee
- Mr. Sachs will approach Jim from the historical society.

Adjournment

Ms. McKeon motioned to adjourn, Ms. Lipinski and Mr. Sachs seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm. The next meeting is Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the same location.

Announcements

Mr. Sachs shouted out Vince for the Newburgh Photo Project

Minutes Submitted By: Erica Forneret