

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
December 13, 2017

Members Present: Karen Askin
Mary Baltimore
Liliane Blom
John Chu
Howard Faulkner
George McHugh
Sara Moline
Ellen Ryan

Members Absent: Derrick Douglass

Councilmember Present: Mark Pierzchala

Staff Present: Betty Wisda, Andrew Lett

Other: Howard Jung

Sara Moline, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Black-Eyed Susan Room at Rockville City Hall.

Re: Approval of the Minutes

The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the November 8, 2017 meeting.

Re: Chairperson's Report

Sara Moline reported the following items.

1. She noted that Liliane Blom won a Second Place in the category for Digital Painting at the Rockville Art League Annual Juried Members' Exhibit at Glenview Mansion.
2. She noted that Derrick Douglass was featured in the Montgomery College blog.
3. She attended the Catharsis on the Mall and mentioned that the Figure Models Guild of Washington, DC is looking for work opportunities in the local area.
4. She worked at the Holiday Market located outside of the National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, DC.

She distributed the Implementation Grid for the Arts and Culture Program that was created by the City's recreation staff to the Cultural Arts Commissioners. This implementation grid is a tool for the Cultural Arts Commissioners to use to create their vision and goals.

Re: Councilmember Report

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala reported that the Boards and Commissions Task Force should be formed in January 2018. He also noted the dates for the upcoming Budget Public Hearings for Fiscal Year 2019 and the opportunity to present budget requests to the Mayor and Council at these hearings.

Re: Staff Report

Betty Wisda reported the following items.

1. Under the direction of John Saint Amour, the Rockville Concert Band presented “Bach, Beethoven and the Boys” on November 19 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.
2. The Art in Public Places Committee met to discuss the “Greetings” art project on November 21.
3. The Cultural Arts Commission’s Responsibilities Committee met to discuss the proposed responsibilities on December 1.
4. Under the direction of Eleanor Simpson, the Rockville Civic Ballet presented six performances of “The Nutcracker” on December 2, 3, 9 and 10 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Audience members viewed the new Act 1 set constructed by volunteers.
5. The opening reception of the Rockville Art League Annual Members’ Juried Exhibit was held on December 3 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. The Rockville Singers performed a concert in the Conservatory that afternoon.
6. The Culture and Entertainment Plan Committee met to discuss the proposed agenda for the stakeholders’ meeting on December 7.

Re: Task Force/Committee Updates

Art in Public Places

George McHugh, Chairperson, reported that the Art in Public Places committee met to discuss the “Greetings” art project. The committee recommended obtaining the required authorization to proceed with the art project on the exterior wall of the Regal Rockville Center Stadium 13 building located at the corner of E. Montgomery Avenue and Helen Heneghan Way. The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously concurred with the committee’s recommendation.

Culture and Entertainment Plan

Mary Baltimore, Chairperson, reported that the Culture and Entertainment Plan Committee met to discuss the proposed agenda for the upcoming meeting with the stakeholders on December 7. The agenda includes the following items: introduction of Cultural Arts Commissioners and stakeholders, the commonalities of the surveys, and the meaning of statements by stakeholders on surveys.

Cultural Arts Commission’s Responsibilities

John Chu reported that the Cultural Arts Commission’s Responsibilities Committee met to discuss the proposed responsibilities on December 1. He distributed the committee’s proposed responsibilities to the Cultural Arts Commissioners. Councilmember Mark Pierzchala suggested that a bullet regarding economic development could be added to the responsibilities. The Cultural Arts Commissioners agreed with his suggestion.

Re: Old Business

The Cultural Arts Commissioners discussed the possibility for funds for a comprehensive arts and culture study as well as for a comprehensive survey to City residents about arts programs as a possible budget consideration for Fiscal Year 2020.

Re: New Business

None.

Re: Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10 in the Black-Eyed Susan Room at Rockville City Hall.

Re: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.