

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
May 13, 2020

Members Present: Karen Askin, Liliane Blom,
Patricia Dubroof, Melissa Law, Tim Nixon
Jesse Marciniak, Howie Jung, Connor Lee

Members Absent: Helen Aberger, Therese Capal, Gary Gill

Councilmember: Mark Pierzchala,

Staff Present: Andy Lett, Laura Creech, Betty Wisda

Guests Present: None

Karen Askin called the virtual online meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Re: Approval of the Minutes

The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously approved the minutes as written for the April 15, 2020 meeting.

Re: Councilmember Report

- Mayor and Council passed the FY21 budget.
- In FY21, the RESCO's will be receiving \$5,000 each plus rent forgiveness instead of original \$25,000 originally presented. They did not fund the new Arts and Culture Coordinator position.
- Fire suppression and intruder detection systems have been approved for the King Farm Homestead buildings. Mark sees this property as a historic treasure and would like to see it utilized
- No hiring or pay increases.
- Commission discussed the future of available space around the City for potential arts and cultural space including Red Gate and Town Square/Town Center.

Re: Chairperson's Report

- No report.

Re: Staff Report

Staff reported the following items.

- Facilities closed through May 21 but could be June 5. Montgomery County not one of the counties allowed to roll out Stage 1 due to certain benchmark criteria not being met yet.
- Announcements made to open golf courses and tennis courts was done without notifying Maryland Municipal Leagues.
- Andy would like CAC members to provide their input in the Strategic Action Plan regarding the arts. A motion was passed to allow members to add their own comments. Andy shared directions on how to complete the shared document. Andy is emailing the shared document to members and asked them to include their comments and recommendations by June 2. At the same time Mark is going to ask City Manager to extend the deadline for Boards and Commissions to act on this.
- RedGate improvements needed to walking paths for safety but no money to invest in the collaboration or development. Andrea developing plans. Have received many ideas for uses for the site; Moving Earth Art, Swim center, birdwatching to name a few. The large tent on the outdoor deck needs repairs.
- \$30,000 in funds removed from art project associated with the City facility 6 Taft Court construction project (Arts in Public Architecture).
- Applications from interested artists for consideration for the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center and the Rockville Gateway Art Projects are received daily. Due to COVID-19 impacts, the deadline date was extended to May 29 from May 15.
- Applications from art leagues and art organizations are being received for consideration for the 2020-2021 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibits. The deadline to apply is May 29. Under the leadership of Patrick Sieg and Lisa Sieg, the Rockville Art League has been a very valuable partner to the City of Rockville so exhibits can be displayed at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.
- The City's Safety & Risk Manager approved the insurance requirements as well as the City Attorney's Office approved the legality of the contract for Gable Company to provide conceptual drawings for an attachment proposal for artwork for the Underpass at Park Road. On April 16, the City Attorney's Office forwarded the contract to the City Manager and the City Clerk for their signatures. Upon receipt of the signed contract, Betty Wisda will submit a requisition to the Procurement Department to issue a purchase order to Gable Company.
- Betty Wisda has been working with Lori Russler, the City's Graphics Specialist, to create a Call for Artists for the Tree Carving Art Project at David Scull Park.
- The "Good Verses Evil" concert by the Rockville Concert Band scheduled on April 19 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre was cancelled due to COVID-19 impacts.
- The "Songs of Peace and Hope" concert by the Rockville Chorus scheduled on May 17 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre has been cancelled due to COVID-19. "Rockville Reports" May issue. The deadline to submit an application is May 15.
- Betty Wisda is working with the contract specialist of Gable Company to obtain the signed City of Rockville Standard Contract Addendum, the certificate of insurance, and the proposal for the conceptual drawings of the attachment to the concrete walls for the Underpass at Park Road Art Project. Upon receipt of these items, she will submit the items to the City Attorney's Office staff to obtain the signatures of the City Manager and City Clerk. Upon receipt of the signed contract, she will submit the paperwork to the Procurement Division to issue a Purchase Order. Beth O'Connell, Project Manager from Gable Company, has introduced herself virtually to Andy Lett and Betty Wisda. Upon receipt of the Purchase Order, she will schedule a survey of the underpass.

- The "Good Versus Evil" concert by the Rockville Concert Band has been cancelled on April 19 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre due to COVID-19.
- The Rockville Art League Juried Members' Show is scheduled for May 17 through June 26 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.
- The "Songs of Hope and Peace" concert by the Rockville Chorus has been cancelled on May 17 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre due to COVID-19.

Re: Arts in Public Places

- The unveiling ceremony for the completed tree carving at Dogwood Park of baseball player, Walter Johnson was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- We have received 67 applications for the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center and 39 for the Rockville Gateway Art Projects. Late June for finals
- Sending out the call for artists for the David Scull Park tree carving project on May 15. The deadline is June 5. The project is calling for a Rockville icon theme and proposal.
- Upon receipt of the signed contract by the City Manager and City Clerk, Betty Wisda will submit a requisition to the Procurement Department to issue a purchase order to Gable Company.
- Betty Wisda will work with the City Attorney's Office to prepare a contract for Craig Kraft to repair "Crossroads", the neon sculpture, located on the façade of the Arts and Innovation Center in Rockville Town Square

Re: Cultural Arts Organizations and Arts Summit Planning

- No report however Chairperson Jesse will set up virtual sub-committee meeting. Andy to set them up on Webex.

Re: Old Business

- None

Re: New Business

- None

Re: Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, June 10, 2020 location Webex.

Re: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.