

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
July 10, 2019

Members Present:

Karen Askin
Patricia Dubroof
Jesse Marciniak
Howie Jung
Alicia Martin
Gary Gill
Tim Nixon

Members Absent:

Mary Baltimore, Liliane Blom, Therese Capal

Councilmember:

Mark Pierzchala

Staff Present:

Andy Lett, Laura Creech

Guests:

Melissa Law, potential member, Courtney Proctor and Janet Kelly, John Lin

Karen Askin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Blossom Room at the Rockville Senior Center.

Re: Approval of the Minutes

The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the June 12, 2019 meeting.

Re: Chairperson's Report

No report

Re: Councilmember Report

Mayor and Council met with the Urban Land Institute to review their study on revitalizing Town Center. They said there are too many retail shops and suggested more support services and entertainment venues. Stated the area is not dense enough. Suggested redoing the roads. Be bolder about what we are doing. City voted to spend money on this study. Mark's article was published in the Sunday Washington Post Metro Section (July 7) about widening lanes on 1-270 from 12 lanes into 16 lanes and the need to have a better use of land instead of more lanes. People are moving out because they can't afford living here so they have to commute further distances.

Re: Staff Report

Staff reported the following items.

- All three two-week sessions of the theater camp Way Off Broadway camp are full. Performances held on Friday. Patricia suggest the city email family's

- campers to get them on ResCo and MTC/AV mailing lists. Potential future participants and audience members. Andy doesn't think city can share their info.
- New opening on June 23 at Glenview Mansion. Rockville Art League stepped in with a show after the originally scheduled artist pulled out at the last minute.
 - Rockville Concert band performed a "Summer Evening of Pops!" in Town Center to over 300 people on July 7.
 - Call for entry for Montrose Park tree carving project has been sent out.
 - Peace Day celebrating Mattie J. T. Stepanek will be held this Saturday, July 13 at King Farm village green area.
 - Rockville Civic Ballet performing Alice in Wonderland on July 27-28.
 - Martin Cohen from Cultural Arts Program Study will hold an additional meeting with us on August 7. He will first talk with City Manager to go over rough draft and to make sure he's on track with M&C vision. He will then do a write up for various groups to discuss.

Re: Task Force/Committee Updates

Art in Public Places

- No report.
- Park Street Overpass project is waiting on direction from the City Manager's office.

Culture and Arts Organization Sub-committee

- Jesse offered highlights from the process of inviting organizations to present to the commission.
 - What actions with the take Commission based on the summary of visiting groups?
- Cultural Arts Commission should be attending M&C meetings each week to advocate for cultural arts events. In the future the commission needs to discuss and define what advocacy looks like.
- Jesse also suggested creating an action that the organization can do together on getting the word out. A summit, marketing, diversity, Social Media best practices, or awards events.
- Howie ask if there was a directory that could be added to website.
- Mark said Rockville Bike Advisory Committee could help serve as a model on how make request for future budgets.
 - The Cultural Commission need to prepare their ideas for budget suggestions.

Re: Community Group Presentations

- Presentations by Courtney Proctor and Janet Kelly with the Human Rights Commission and John Lin, Chair of the Asian pacific American task Force.

Re: Old Business

- Peerless did not launch retail store due to issues with MC maintenance. Karen suggested a pop-up space from FRIT could be used as Peerless Store. Patricia to send Mark and Nancy an email to talk about support.

Re: New Business

- Motion made for Alicia to attend the Human Rights Commission meetings and bring back information to commission.
 - Motion pass unanimously.
- Jessie reminded group that we had discussed holding the future meeting at other facilities.

Re: Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 in the Blossom Room at the Rockville Senior Center.

Re: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.