

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
August 14, 2019

Members Present:

Karen Askin
Liliane Blom
Therese Capal
Patricia Dubroof
Gary Gill
Jesse Marciniak
Tim Nixon

Members Absent: Mary Baltimore, Howie Jung, Alicia Martin

Councilmember: Mark Pierzchala (absent)

Staff: Laura Creech, Andy Lett (absent)

Guests: Helen Aberger, potential member

Karen Askin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 July 10, 2019 meeting.

Re: Chairperson's Report

No report

Re: Councilmember Report

No report.

Re: Staff Report

Staff reported the following items.

- Peace Day celebrating Mattie J. T. Stepanek was held Saturday, July 13 at King Farm village green area.
- Rockville Civic Ballet performed Alice in Wonderland on July 27-28 under the direction of Eleanor Simpson.
- The opening reception for the exhibit of Ruth Lozner and Kenzie Raulin was held on August 4 at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. "Being There," paintings by Joanie Grosfeld and various media by Rockville Art League's Board of Directors are on display in conference rooms 5 and 6 at the Mansion. The exhibit is on display through September 13.

- The Artist Nomination Committee met to discuss the Montrose Park Art Project on August 6 at Rockville City Hall.
- The Art in Public Places Committee will meet in late August to discuss the Montrose Park Art Project, the Gateway Art Project and the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Art Project.
- Martin Cohen from the Cultural Planning Group met with Rob DiSpirito, Jenny Kimball and Tim Chesnutt on July 24 to discuss initial thoughts on the Arts and Cultural Study. Martin is returning August 26 to meet with the Art Study Advisory Committee from 4-5 p.m. and Cultural Arts Commission from 7-8 p.m.

Re: Task Force/Committee Updates

Art in Public Places

- Meeting held at Montrose Park to see the tree stump and select artist and approve the design for tree carving at Montrose Park. The same artist that did the one at Horizon Hill was selected. Betty will be presenting the design to CAC.
- No update on the Park Street Overpass project.
- We are holding meeting about Gateway Postcard (Greetings from Rockville) and overpass projects.

Culture and Arts Organization Sub-committee

- Jesse explained how he created the document overview of the group visits that started last November. He shared highlights from the process of inviting organizations to present to the commission and the goals for the project. The main goal was to educate the current CAC members and to gain a better understanding of the needs of the presenting arts groups and in turn helping them to expand their base to make them sustainable and relevant. It was discovered that the two biggest issues were visibility and space. Recommendations were made on how to achieve solutions, such as creating and funding an arts calendar and starting an annual or bi-annual arts summit to meet some of these needs.

Re: Old Business

- No discussion

Re: New Business

- No discussion

Re: Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in the Blossom Room at the Rockville Senior Center.

Re: Adjournment

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