

Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission (PPAC)

Minutes | July 18, 2019 | Common Council Chambers | 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

- Members: Jeff Aman, Azia Brown, Tom Lawrence, Tim McQueen.
- Absent Member(s): Liz Dahmen, Ovid Reichelt.

Call to Order

Chair Aman called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Review of Minutes

- **Meetings of May 16 and June 20, 2019:** Lawrence moved, Brown seconded, and it was voted (4-0-0) that the minutes of the May 16, 2019 and June 20, 2019 meetings be approved as presented.

Chair's Comments

- Appointments
 - Aman appointed by the Mayor to serve the remaining portion of Wilson's unexpired term. Aman was also appointed Chair of the Commission by the Mayor.
 - The Common Council appointed Liz Dahmen and Azia Brown to the Commission.
 - McNamara has submitted his resignation from the Commission, effective immediately.
 - Full roster of Commissioners and their terms is attached to these minutes.

Old Business

- **Jazz in the Valley (August 18):** Aman reported that local artist James Ransome is coordinating artists for participation in the event at Waryas Park and that Greer Smith, the event organizer, has requested addition planning assistance.
- **Performing Arts Summit:** McQueen will schedule a follow-up meeting to review and organize the input received at the May 11 summit. This meeting will likely happen in mid-August.
- **Hoboken International Film Festival:** Aman the conclusion that it was presently not feasible to further consider "adopting" the Festival due to budget constraints.
- **Event Postings:** As always, the Commission will post events on various social media and its calendar. Email information to publicarts@cityofpoughkeepsie.com.

New Business

- **FalKill Commons on Rose:** Javier Gomez of Hudson River Housing, owners and developers of the housing on Rose Street, presented their ideas to the Commission regarding the reuse of reclaimed materials from the construction site for the purposes of public art. Further information can be obtained from Gomez at jgomez@hudsonriverhousing.org or by calling him at (845) 454-5176 x 504.
- **CFA Letter of Support for DCAA:** Joanna Frang, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Art Association presented her request for a letter of support for their CFA applications to the Mid-Hudson Regional Development Council. Lawrence moved, McQueen seconded and it was voted (4-0-0) to provide a letter of support. Lawrence, as Commission Secretary, had a letter prepared which was then signed and handed to Frang.
- **August Special Meeting:** Aman presented the idea to hold a special Commission planning meeting, in Executive Session, in order to discuss a wide range of planning and operational issues. No votes would be taken during this meeting. Lawrence moved, Brown seconded, and it

was voted (4-0-0) to hold an Executive Session of the Commission on Monday, August 5, at 10:00am in the Greenspan Room at Adriance Memorial Library.

- **Promotional Video:** After some discussion on the matter, McQueen moved, Brown seconded and it was voted (4-0-0) to use available 2019 PPAC funds from the City budget to commission an arts promotional video with the intent of it being shared on social media, primarily.

Upcoming Events

- Aman noted various upcoming arts events in the community.

McQueen moved, Brown seconded, and it was voted (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. The next regular meeting of the Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm** at City Hall.