

Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission (PPAC)

Minutes | October 17, 2019 | Common Council Chambers | 6:30 p.m.

Attendance

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

Call to Order

Vice Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Review of Minutes

- **Meetings of September 19, 2019:** Horner moved, Pacio seconded, and it was voted (6-0-0) that the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.

Chair and Commissioner Comments

- **Chair's Comments**
 - None
- **Commissioner Comments**
 - Dahmen and Lawrence reported on upcoming events sponsored by their organizations.

Old Business

- **Performing Arts Summit Follow-Up:** McQueen characterized the Summit Follow-Up as fruitful with the decision to meet on a monthly basis in the HVPAL space at The Trolley Barn and the brand and promote performing arts events in *The Buzz*, the City's weekly newsletter. It was suggested that Chris Silva be invited to a future PPAC meeting to discuss the topic of performing arts venues, especially the new development on Cannon Street.
- **Promotional Video for Arts in the City:** Work continues.
- **Adoption of PPAC Logos:** Dahmen moved, Horner seconded and the PPAC logos were adopted as presented.
- **Social Media Strategy:** Work continues to align a social media strategy.

New Business

- **Art Events Summary for *The Buzz*:** Discussion continues but action awaits the final development of the PPAC social media to which *The Buzz* will connect.
- **Process for Approval of Public Art:** Lawrence reviewed the draft process (attached). He will tweak it and then develop an application for use when submitting proposals for City approval.
- **Benefits of an Arts District:** Research continues on this project along with some mapping of potential areas in the City.

Public Speakers

- None.

Upcoming Events

- Aman noted various upcoming arts events in the community.

McQueen moved, Lawrence seconded, and it was voted (6-0-0) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. The next regular meeting of the Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm** at City Hall.

Definition: Public art is art in any media that has been planned and executed with the intention of being staged in the physical public domain, usually outside and accessible to all. Public art is the working practice of site specificity, community involvement, and collaboration. Public art may include any art which is exhibited in a public space including publicly accessible buildings.

The process for public art installation in the City of Poughkeepsie shall be as follows:

1. Application for installation shall be made, in writing, to the City Administrator. The City Administrator shall refer the request to the Poughkeepsie Public Art Commission for review and recommendation.
2. The Commission shall review the proposed installation in terms of appropriateness of concept and location and will include written comments from the following interested parties:
 - a. The Council member in whose Ward the installation is proposed,
 - b. The City of Poughkeepsie Police Department,
 - c. The City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department,
 - d. The City of Poughkeepsie Department of Public Works, and
 - e. Any other agencies or organizations to which the Commission chooses to seek input.
3. The Commission shall interview the applicant.
4. Upon the review of all submitted comments, the Commission shall provide a written recommendation to the City Administrator, including the proposed duration of the installation.
5. Upon concurrence with the Commission's recommendation, the City Administrator shall either deny the application or approve the application which will then proceed to permitting. All permitting will be based on current City of Poughkeepsie ordinances and procedures as established and modified from time-to-time.