

Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission (PPAC)

Minutes | November 21, 2019 | 6:30 PM | City Hall, Common Council Chambers

Attendance

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

Call to Order

- Chair Aman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Review of Minutes

- **Meeting of October 17, 2019:** Dahmen moved, Pacio seconded, and it was voted (6-0-0) that the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.

Chair and Commissioner Comments

- Aman indicated that the garbage truck painting project has completed until spring, and thanked all of the participants for their work.
- Aman and Dahmen attended the dedication of the Art Effect MADLab sculpture on Pershing Avenue on the Fallkill Creek.

Old Business

- **Performing Arts Summit Follow-Up:** Dahmen stated that initiation of monthly gatherings of performing artists has been deferred until January, and that she and Tim McQueen will work out
- **PKGOArts Public Outreach Tent:** Aman informed everyone that the new 10x10 tent with the PKGOArts logo has been received and is in storage in City Hall.
- **Garbage Can Wrap Pilot Program:** Aman reported that 18 new garbage can wraps were received and installed on garbage cans in the Main Street Corridor, replacing wraps damaged over the past few years. A Public Arts Commission resolution will be drafted to document the role of the commission in future years with respect to maintenance of the wraps.
- **Process for Approval of Public Art:** Aman indicated that the draft resolution describing the process for installation of public art would be revised, given feedback from Administrator Nelson. This will be on the January commission meeting agenda.
- **Social Media Strategy:** Work on the social media strategy continues; Dahmen reported that the PKGOArts Instagram account is now in use and a model website has been constructed.

New Business

- **T. Barton Thurber,** from Vassar College, led a lively discussion about the upcoming Vassar College Intensives programs, with short-duration classes likely to engage in the City of Poughkeepsie.
- **BOCES Scholastic Arts Awards:** Aman explained that the participation in this program by the Poughkeepsie High School was not possible due the looming deadline for submissions coinciding with the end of the school term. Discussions on PHS participation will resume after the new year for possible participation in 2021.
- **Poughkeepsie High School Career Action Center:** Aman reported that he, Azia Brown, Liz Dahmen, David Wong (the Art Effect), and Rosmerayah (DCC Student and PHS Graduate) would hold a panel discussion with PHS students on careers in the arts, on December 5th and 6th.
- **Benefits of an Arts District:** with some initial research started Aman indicated this would be a top priority of the commission in upcoming months.

Public Speakers

- **Mary Flad** spoke about video documentation of her project at the Fallkill Commons, and suggested that this type of videography could potentially be used to educate developers of projects around the City as to how they could help improve our environment.

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- **Gully Stanford** thanked the PPAC for our work on the Performing Arts Summit and the PHA Career Action Center, and noted several job openings available with the PCSD.
- **Andres San Millan** commented on the upcoming Festival of Lights parade and on the future of Pelton Manor.

Upcoming Events

- Aman noted that the Festival of Lights parade and celebration would take place on Friday, December 6, at 6:30pm along Main Street to Little Italy, and all are invited to attend.

Dahmen moved, Pacio seconded, and it was voted (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. The next regular meeting of the Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:30 pm** at City Hall.