

Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission (PPAC)

Minutes | January 16, 2020 | 6:30 PM | City Hall, Common Council Chambers

Attendance

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

Call to Order

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

Review of Minutes

- **Meeting of November 21, 2019:** Brown moved, McQueen seconded, and it was voted (5-0-0) that the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.

Chair and Commissioner Comments

- Aman thanked Mayor Rolison for attending the January 15 artist gathering at Gallery 330.
- Aman noted that feedback from the December Poughkeepsie High School Career Action Center sessions were well received and greatly appreciated.
- Aman indicated that due to issues with the City website during the previous week the PPAC information was late getting posted.

Old Business

- **Performing Arts Summit Follow-Up:** McQueen announced that monthly meetings of performing artists will begin in February. When available the schedule will be posted in The Buzz newsletter and on local artist calendars.
- **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. Individuals in the BOCES program and PHS are aware of each other and it is expected that they will converge on a plan during the 2020 school year.

Resolutions

- **Resolution 5: Public Art Installation Approval Process** was reviewed. Brown moved, McQueen seconded, and it was voted (5-0-0) to adopt this resolution. Appropriate information will be added to the PPAC page of the City website prior to the February PPAC meeting.

New Business

- **Youth One Stop,** a program of the DCRROC working with young people that are not currently in school, requested help from the PPAC with arts-related programming. While creation of new arts programming for this program is beyond the scope and capabilities of the PPAC it was agreed that the PPAC could support panel discussions similar to those done for the PHS Career Action Center program.
- **Public Mural Art vs. Graffiti:** With questions periodically arising around the City about graffiti Aman explained the difference between the two, that by ordinance murals are not offensive and have express written permission of the owner of the property. This information has been passed along to some of the local artists that paint murals to suggest to them to obtain written permission.

Public Speakers

- **Mary Flad** gave some history of the whale sculpture in Waryas Park and several others and asked the PPAC investigate the status.
- **Mary Ellen Iatropoulos** from the Art Effect thanked the PPAC for our work getting their Pershing Avenue public art exhibit approved. She also explain that, in response to questions from some local artists, that the CFA grant funding recently received by the Art Effect will be used for Art Effect programming staff.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Aman, Chairman

- **Gully Stanford** thanked the PPAC for our support of the PHS Career Action Center. He asked for status of the PPAC effort to help coordinate access to free tickets to Bardavon events with local youth organizations; a meeting will be held to work on this. He also informed everyone of the updated status of the PCSD Friday Night Lights program, which will take place on Saturdays during the winter months, and indicated that artists are needed to help staff these activities.

Presentations

- **Steve Goodman** was an invited speaker, requested by the PPAC to explain his work with the Educational Video Center and to initiate discussions about the need for additional media education programming within the PCSD. It was agreed that a followup meeting would be scheduled to gather interested parties to begin development of a proposal for creating a media center in the Poughkeepsie Middle School.

Upcoming Events

- Aman noted that the First Friday evening will be February 7 starting at 5:30pm at 40 Cannon.
- The Vassar College MODFEST 2020 will take place from January 30 through February 9 at various locations around the college campus.
- The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival is scheduled for February 21-23 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel the Changepoint Theater, and the Nesheiwat Convention Center.

Brown moved, McQueen seconded, and it was voted (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. The next regular meeting of the Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm** at City Hall.