

Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission

Minutes / April 20, 2023 / 6:30pm / City Hall

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm

Members of PPAC in attendance: Jeff Aman, Tim McQueen, Onaje Benjamin, Brianna Charter, Jean Hinkley, and Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 16,2023 MEETING

Table minutes to next meeting.

III. CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Chm Aman made a brief remark regarding problems with Poughkeepsie City School Calendar and agenda

Chm Aman reminded the public that grant request are in its final weeks and there was still time to request funds on the homepage of artsmidhudson.org.

Chm Aman stated that Stockade works age requirement is being waived, in order for younger people to be able to sit through the program and learn. (can audit the session for free for those under 18 years old)

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The art Effect; Art installation on Persian Ave is timing out (and has been degrading though the years) It has been properly decommissioned.

Chm Aman: Stringendo annual college fair has been on hold since Covid. The commission was educated on the history of the fair and is considering bringing it back.

Chm Aman signed up to become a Dutchess tourism ambassador and wanted to inform the community and commission this would be an option if anyone would like to sign up for this opportunity.

Chm Aman brought up issues within the Poughkeepsie City School District; active performance arts in every grade; career opportunities in the arts; and could there be a class/classes offered to students (outside of the high school) where they could receive outside credit (similar to programs offered by BOCES) Where students could learn script writing, green screen technology, etc.

Chm Aman stated that the HDLPC gave approval for the Pelton partners to develop the property. Going forward we would like for the partners and Marc Nelson too attend a Arts meeting to explain what is allowed in the contract.

IV. OLD BUISNESS

There was very positive feedback with PCSD and building a better relationship with them. Together we are prioritizing

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what is important and what would benefit the schools and its students.

V. RESOLUTIONS: None

VI. NEW BUISNESS

There will be over 20 festivals and events all the way through December.

Contacted Dutchess tourism to add the festivals and events that are happening in Poughkeepsie.

Creating a rack card as soon as possible; which will lead to revenue; promote venues in the main st. corridor. (I.e Chance, the Academy, and Cunnen Hacket.) and eventually get this all put on a map.

Micro Cinema wants to do a project (take small commercial space) and transform it to a theatre of 40-60 people. They would like to do a pilot class at Vassar college to do a micro film and thus have a showing for said film free of charge to the public.

Impossibly micro cinema will be taking place in the PK T-shirt factory Saturday April 27th, 28th, and 29th; Saturday will be for children.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

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PK Go Arts Jean Hinkley demonstrated the importance of outreach, marketing, social media and how we can use different platforms to engage artist and members of the community. These platforms would come in the form of social media such as Facebook, Instagram and our website. With using these platforms we could spread awareness and broaden the reach of our audiences.

Research and possibly add a premium Canva account to our budget in order broaden our reach easily and most effectively.

J. Andrew Burgreen came in to discuss Poetry Fest that was held at 12 Vassar st. Poetry fest has been around for the past 5 years and offers poetry and art to the public. This art showcases a youth open mic night, LGBTQ open mic, trans art and all around helps expose artist who have previously through time have had a lack of exposure.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Marc Nelson discussed the Pelton property and how it is to be built into a nonprofit arts space for the community. The goal for the mansion is add another destination spot regional leader for the Arts.

IX. CURRENT EXHIBITS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

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- Gallery 40: “Midsummer Dream” - Emily Nomer, Erica Hauser, Betsy Jacaruso, Beth Walter-Storyk
- Fall Kill Creative Works: Classes and workshops at www.fallkillcreativeworks.org
- Adriance Memorial Library: Chuck Misaan, artist talk June 7, 6:30pm
- Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center: exhibits by Robert Goldwitz, Susan Angeles, and ArtEast Dutchess
- Majed J. Nesheiwat Convention Center: www.midhudsonciviccenter.org
- Bardavon 1869 Opera House: www.bardavon.org • Poughkeepsie Elementary Schools present “Aladdin”, June 14 and June 15

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Tim McQueen moved to adjourn the meeting; Brianna Charter seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next PPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by Brianna Charter, PPAC Vice Chair