

Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission

Minutes | June 15, 2023 | 6:30pm | City Hall

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

Members of PPAC in attendance: Jeff Aman, Art Jones, Brianna Charter, and Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 16 and APRIL 20, 2023 MEETINGS

Art Jones moved to approve the minutes of March 16; Brianna Charter seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous ayes.

Brianna Charter moved to approve the minutes of April 20; Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous ayes.

III. CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Chm Aman announced that he has become a “Certified Dutchess Tourism Ambassador.”

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. PCSD COMPREHENSIVE ARTS EDUCATION PLAN -

status update: The PPAC has been working with the Poughkeepsie City School District on its comprehensive arts education plan. Much has been done to help fill in gaps to provide arts opportunities for children. Arts classes will be required in all schools. Part of this also involves public performances by students outside of schools.

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IV. OLD BUSINESS (continued)

1. **CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE ARTS PUBLICITY - summary of initiative plans:** Rack cards have been printed to promote important scheduled art's events. About 1500 have already gone to Dutchess Tourism and other venues around the city.

V. RESOLUTIONS: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **CITY PARKS DEVELOPMENT PLANS:** City development of parks is also ongoing. Martin Luther King Park has been dedicated and Kaal Rock Park is being redesigned. Waryas Park is also being redeveloped to enhance its appearance on the waterfront. The Southern Waterfront Development Plan is also ongoing. Chm. Aman also spoke about the need for parks to have performance spaces to make it easier to have arts events in them.

VII. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

1. **EN.JINN ARTS - Trevor New, Artistic Director and Melly Holloway, President:** Ms Holloway spoke about the nonprofit organization's performances, mentorships, and other activities. They involve experiences that engage professionals and budding artists. She introduced Trevor New who performed with a violin while another performer in Brooklyn, New York, was performing collaboratively online. En Jin Arts wants to increase its input in the Hudson Valley. An arts event will be held at the Trolley Barn on June 21 from 12 to 6 pm.

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VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

IX. CURRENT EXHIBITS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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:

Art Jones moved to adjourn the meeting; Brianna Charter seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next PPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by Art Jones, PPAC Secretary