

Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission

Agenda | February 17, 2022 | 6:30pm | Online Webinar

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- I. **ROLL CALL**
- II. **APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2022 MEETING**
- III. **CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. WELCOME NEW PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEMBER JEFF KOSMACHER
 2. WELCOME NEW PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEMBER ALEXA COMUNIELLO
- V. **RESOLUTIONS:**
 1. RESOLUTION 8 - Development of Pelton Mansion.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.
- VII. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 1. BUS SHELTER ART PILOT PROJECT - update on proposed art by Franc Palaia.
 2. PUBLIC SCULPTURE PROPOSAL - Suprina
 3. MUSHROOM SCULPTURE PROPOSAL - Serena Domingues
 4. POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - update on recent progress by Gully Stanford
- VIII. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Three minutes per person on any topic.
- IX. **CURRENT EXHIBITS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - Adriance Memorial Library: exhibits by Paola Bari and Donna Faranda
 - Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center: exhibits by Jim Bennett, Ada Monica Sperling, Brett Gehrke
 - Majed J. Nesheiwat Convention Center: www.midhudsonciviccenter.org
 - Bardavon 1869 Opera House: www.bardavon.org
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:**
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2022 6:30pm

RESOLUTION No. 8: A RESOLUTION OF THE POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF THE HISTORIC PELTON MANSION TO BENEFIT ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

WHEREAS; The City of Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission is charged with advising the City on issues relating to the arts, including advising on and advocating for the development, implementation, evaluation, and potential modification of the City's art and culture policies, legislation, programs and services with an aim of fostering a wide range of arts and cultural offerings that engage a diverse public audience; and

WHEREAS; The Public Arts Commission's mission is to advocate for the role and value of arts and culture in civic life, while promoting the City as an "arts destination" within the region; and

WHEREAS; The Pelton Mansion, located at 36 North Clover Street, also known as the "The Hill House", is a significant historical asset of the City of Poughkeepsie, and reminds us of the role the Pelton family had in the development of the City of Poughkeepsie, as well as for the nearly one hundred year usage of the building as the former Poughkeepsie Day Nursery; and

WHEREAS; The Pelton Mansion is situated between the Poughkeepsie Train Station and the Little Italy neighborhood, in the City's First Ward, and is proximate to the Walkway Over The Hudson State Park which brings more than half a million visitors to the area each year; and

WHEREAS; Pelton Partners, LLC, presented to the Commission on January 20, 2022 an amended proposal for restoration and re-use of Pelton Mansion, establish an anchor non-profit arts entity as the resident of the mansion, and provide cost incentives to to attract suitable non-profit organizations desiring to reside in the mansion; and

WHEREAS; The amended proposal would provide outdoor event space on the site for the purpose of promoting arts in Poughkeepsie and other changes to activate the space as an arts destination;

NOW THEREFORE: The City of Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission hereby resolves to advise the Mayor and the Common Council, and all involved Boards and Agencies, of our support of the proposal regarding the use of the Pelton Mansion to house a non-profit arts organization for furthering arts, culture, education, and tourism in our city.

RESOLVED this 17th day of February, 2022.

Jeffrey Aman, Chair

Azia Brown, Vice Chair

Arthur Jones, Secretary

Jean Hinkley, Commission Member

Tim McQueen, Commission Member

Alexa Comuniello, Commission Member

Jeff Kosmacher, Commission Member