

Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission (PPAC)

Minutes | February 21, 2019 | Common Council Chambers | 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

- Members: Jeff Aman,, Tom Lawrence; Tim McQueen, Sarah Wilson
- Absent Member(s): Matt Andrews, Matt McNamara, Ovid Reichelt.

Call to Order

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

Review of January 17, 2019 Minutes

- Aman moved, McQueen seconded, and it was voted (4-0-0) that the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.

New Business

- **Intern:** Wilson introduced Aden Fischer-Brown, Vassar College, as an intern for the spring semester. Aden brings his interest in art and his urban studies major to the Commission for our use. He has been working with McQueen on various projects, including the proposed performing arts summit.

Old Business

- **Public Art Web Directory:** Lawrence reported that he favored the creation of an app-based public art trail as opposed to a web-based directory of art and venues. After some discussions, Commission members concurred that this was a good alternative direction. Lawrence will report back to the Commission the cost and implementation options at the next meeting.
- **MTA Marketing Update:** Wilson and Aman reported on their work with the Mayor to develop a Letter of Intent to be submitted to the MTA for the purposes of marketing events in the City.
- **“Public Art” Definition:** Lawrence requested that the topic be tabled until the next meeting as the issue requires more time on the agenda for a focused discussion and the Commissions intent on the topic.
- **Performing Arts Summit:** McQueen reported on developments related to the proposed summit, an event designed to bring together those working in and with the performing arts to advance the performing arts in the City.
- **Event Postings:** As always, the Commission will post events on various social media and its calendar. Email information to publicarts@cityofpoughkeepsie.com.

New Business

- **Collaborative Marketing:** Wilson reported on develops related to coordinated marketing with PKGO, Queen City Arts (a project of ArtsMidhudson), and the print marketing budgeted in the City budget for the Commission to oversee (\$10,500). She also shared a gallery submission form that the City will use to promote submitted events through the PKGO marketing program. With regards to print marketing, Lawrence proposed that the Commission develop three cards which would promote arts events and venues in the City and would be mailed to residents in 2019.
- **Public Speakers**
 - **Sean Hemmerle:** Spoke on behalf of community activists who support the re-imagining of Pelton Manor and Wheaton Park as a gateway venue for both tourists and local residents.

- **Naomi Brooks:** Spoke on behalf of community activists who support the re-imagining of Pelton Manor and Wheaton Park as a gateway venue for both tourists and local residents. She urged the Commission to adopt a resolution in support of the proposal and against the proposed development. Written remarks attached to these minutes.
- **Andres San Milan:** Spoke on behalf of community activists who support the re-imagining of Pelton Manor and Wheaton Park as a gateway venue for both tourists and local residents. He urged the Commission to adopt a resolution in support of the proposal and against the proposed development.
- **Gully Stanford:** Spoke on behalf of community activists who support the re-imagining of Pelton Manor and Wheaton Park as a gateway venue for both tourists and local residents. He urged the Commission to adopt a resolution in support of the proposal and against the proposed development. Spoke on behalf of the need for Commission support of the performing arts at the Poughkeepsie City Schools and urged the adoption of a supporting resolution.
- **Frank Palaia:** Spoke on behalf of community activists who support the re-imagining of Pelton Manor and Wheaton Park as a gateway venue for both tourists and local residents. He urged the Commission to adopt a resolution in support of the proposal and against the proposed development.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Wilson noted various upcoming arts events in the community.

Aman moved, Lawrence seconded, and it was voted (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting of the Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm** at City Hall.