

# Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission (PPAC)

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Minutes | May 16, 2019 | Common Council Chambers | 6:00 p.m.

## Attendance

- Members: Jeff Aman, Tom Lawrence; Matt McNamara (left meeting at 6:20pm), Tim McQueen, Ovid Reichelt, Sarah Wilson.
- Absent Member(s): Matt Andrews.

## Call to Order

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

## Review of Minutes

- **Meeting of March 21, 2019:** McNamara moved, Aman seconded, and it was voted (6-0-0) that the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.
- **Meeting of April 18, 2019:** McNamara moved, McQueen seconded, and it was voted (6-0-0) that the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.

## Old Business

- **Print Marketing:** Wilson reported that the rack cards and postcards are ready to go public and that final logistics with the City and a local mail house need to be resolved. The postcard should be mailed to City residents the week of May 20. Posters are available for delivery to local establishments. PPAC print materials were shared with other tourism organizations at a recent swap at the FDR Library.
- **Performing Arts Summit:** McQueen distributed preliminary information developed at the summit, attended by about 30 people on May 11. The Commission needs to review the document and to consider appropriate next steps.
- **Poughkeepsie Open Studios:** Aman shared information concerning the event, which will be held on June 15 and 16. Event information can be found at [www.poughkeepsieopenstudios.com](http://www.poughkeepsieopenstudios.com).
- **Event Postings:** As always, the Commission will post events on various social media and its calendar. Email information to [publicarts@cityofpoughkeepsie.com](mailto:publicarts@cityofpoughkeepsie.com).

## New Business

- **Arts Commission Annual Report:** Wilson reviewed the PPAC's activity and accomplishments in the reporting period of June 2017 through December 2018. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.
- **Guests**
  - **Mayor Rolison:** The Mayor gave an overview of his reasoning for creating the PPAC and on the importance of the arts for the City of Poughkeepsie and its redevelopment.
  - **Greer Smith (Jazz in the Valley):** Ms. Smith presented information on her organization (TransArt) and its annual event held in August in the City at the waterfront on August 8. Event information can be found at [www.jazzinthevalley.org](http://www.jazzinthevalley.org).
- **Public Speakers**
  - **Miguel Sanchez:** Requested that the PPAC consider a high school student as a member in order to hear youth voices on the arts and to provide leadership opportunities.
  - **Lydia Hatfield:** Thanked the PPAC for the Performing Arts Summit and urged a youth voice on the PPAC as well as consideration for a junior arts commission.

- o **Diamond Mima:** Urged the PPAC to consider a youth arts commission.
  - o **Mary Flad:** Shared an Glebe House event that will happen during Poughkeepsie Open Studios and will feature an 18<sup>th</sup> Century loom and weaving (with Mayor Rolison as a weaver and, with the invitation extended at the meeting, the Commission Chair Wilson).
- **Upcoming Events**
  - o Wilson noted various upcoming arts events in the community.

Aman moved, Lawrence seconded, and it was voted (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting of the Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm** at City Hall.