

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
January 11, 2017

Members Present: Mary Baltimore
Liliane Blom
Derrick Douglass
Howard Faulkner
Sara Moline
George Northway
Ellen Ryan

Members Absent: George McHugh
Deborah Stokes
Angela Younger

Other: Councilmember Mark Pierzchala, Jody Volk

Staff Present: Betty Wisda

Sara Moline, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Black-Eyed Susan Room at Rockville City Hall.

Re: Approval of the Minutes

The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the December 14, 2016 meeting with the addition of Mayor Bridget Newton's inquiry about the next step for the art project at the Underpass at Park Road.

Re: Chairperson's Report

Sara Moline introduced Jody Volk who is considering submitting an Application of Expression of Interest to serve on the Cultural Arts Commission. Jody Volk gave a brief background of her experience and interest with the arts.

Re: Staff Report

Betty Wisda reported on the following items.

1. Under the direction of John Saint Amour, the Rockville Concert Band presented "Winter Is Icumen In" on the afternoon of Sunday, December 18 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.
2. Under the direction of Bryan Seith, the Rockville Chorus presented "Music From the World Over" on the evening of Sunday, December 18 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.
3. The opening reception of the exhibit of Eric Westbrook, Dustin Hayes, Leela Payne, David Brosch and Heidi Sheppard was held on Sunday, January 8 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Barbara Martin presented a concert that afternoon in the Conservatory of Glenview Mansion.

4. Betty Wisda reported that “Let It Go!”, a painted steel and glass sculpture, was installed at the outdoor pool of the Rockville Fitness and Swim Center by Julio Teich in 1991. The sculpture is causing stress on the ceiling of the mechanical room. Since the artist is deceased, staff will be meeting a contractor to obtain an estimate to de-install and reinstall the sculpture to the landscaped island in front of the entrance to the outdoor pool.
5. Betty Wisda distributed a draft of the memorandum to the City Manager regarding action item from the meeting of the Mayor and Council on October 24, 2016 in reference to the presentation by the Cultural Arts Commission. The memorandum includes information about the Public Art Conservation Assessment; revisions to Master Plan for the Art in Public Places Program 2016-2021; work with other arts organizations; and coordination with the King Farm Task Force on a future gateway project.

Re: Task Force/Committee Updates

Art in Public Places

George Northway reported that the committee of the Art in Public Places will meet prior to the next meeting Cultural Arts Commission in February 2017.

Culture and Entertainment Plan

Sara Moline reported that the committee of the Culture and Entertainment Plan will meet prior to the next meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission in February 2017.

Re: Old Business

No Report.

Re: New Business

Ellen Ryan, Cultural Arts Commission representative, reported that she attended the meeting of the Civic Center Subcommittee. She noted the following items: retirement of Dudley Brown, Historic Consultant; plans for re-installation of property bell at Glenview Mansion; and the new red wine policy.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala reported that he gave a framed movie poster of “The Great Gatsby” to staff for display at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Re: Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8 in the Black-Eyed Susan Room at Rockville City Hall.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.