

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
February 8, 2017

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

Members Absent: Deborah Stokes
Angela Younger

Other: Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

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 and the January 11, 2017 meeting.

Re: Chairperson's Report

No Report.

Re: Staff Report

Betty Wisda reported on the Rockville Concert Band presented "Swinging Sunday: Annual Jazz Concert" to a standing room only audience on the afternoon of Sunday, January 22 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre under the direction of Douglas Pierce, Associate Music Director.

Re: Task Force/Committee Updates

Art in Public Places

George Northway reported that the committee of the Art in Public Places met and agreed upon the following recommendations.

1. The name of the document should be Implementation Plan for the Art in Public Places Program 2017-2022 instead of Policies and Procedures for the Art in Public Places Program 2017-2022.
2. Liliane Blom and Sara Moline should serve as members of the Artist Nomination Committee for the Tree Carving Art Project for Horizon Hill Park.

3. George McHugh should be the Chairperson for the Art in Public Places committee.

The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously agreed on the three recommendations.

Culture and Entertainment Plan

Sara Moline reported that the committee of the Culture and Entertainment Plan met and recommended that that a working committee is needed for implementation of the Culture and Entertainment Plan. The committee should consist of representatives from the Cultural Arts Commission, Rockville-based arts organizations, Rockville Economic Development, Inc., Rockville Chamber of Commerce, and developers. This committee will meet and discuss the Strategic Goals and Objectives of the Culture and Entertainment Plan and recommend next steps for implementation of this plan.

The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously agreed that the staff liaison and the Cultural Arts Commissioners should create a survey to distribute to the Rockville-based arts organizations involved with the development of the Culture and Entertainment Plan. The purpose of the survey is to generate interest in representatives of these organizations to serve as members on this working committee.

Re: Old Business

Councilmember Pierzchala reported that the City Attorney was working on language that would change the eligibility of members serving on City boards and commissions. Currently, a member on a City board or commission has to be a resident or be an owner of a business in the corporate limits of the City of Rockville. The new language would allow a nonresident working in the City to be appointed as a member to a board or commission. The proposed code change is planned to be introduced followed by a public hearing prior to adoption at meetings in March 2017.

Cultural Arts Commissioners wanted further discussion on this item since some members oppose the change so the item will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission in March.

Re: New Business

No Report.

Re: Next Meeting

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

Re: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.