

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
September 12, 2018

Members Present: Sara Moline
Karen Askin
Therese Capal
Patricia Dubroof
Howard Faulkner
Jesse Marciniak
Tim Nixon

Members Absent: Mary Baltimore
Liliane Blom
Gary Gill
George McHugh

Councilmember Present: Mark Pierzchala

Staff Present: Betty Wisda, Andy Lett

Howard Faulkner, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 June 13, 2018 meeting.

Re: Chairperson's Report

None.

Re: Councilmember Report

None.

Re: Staff Report

Betty Wisda reported the following items.

1. The four finalists presented their site-specific proposals for the Underpass at Park Road to the Art Review Panel on Tuesday, June 26 at Rockville City Hall. The panel selected two of the finalists for further consideration. Betty Wisda provided the panel's comments as well as a request for additional information to the two finalists. The panel met to review and discuss the submitted information by the two finalists on Tuesday, August 28. The next step is for staff to meet with the Rob DiSpirito, City Manager; and Jenny Kimball, Deputy City Manager; to provide an update on the selection process and the recommendation of the Art Review Panel on Wednesday, September 19.

2. "Way Off Broadway" camp was at full to capacity with a wait list for the three sessions. The new director and the former camp leaders did a good job with preparing the children for their performance that they presented to their family and friends at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.
3. Under the direction of John Saint Amour, the Rockville Concert Band performed the first annual "Summer Evening of Pops!" concert on July 8 at the Rockville Town Square Plaza. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the concert. Councilmember Mark Pierzchala attended the concert. The second annual pops concert is scheduled for July 7, 2019.
4. Eleanor Simpson, Artistic Director; and Erin Kwong, Creative Associate; choreographed an original ballet about one knight's tale of romance and adventure. Under their direction, the Rockville Civic Ballet presented the premiere of "Lancelot" on July 28 and July 29 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The audience members were delighted by this spectacular show.
5. The Art in Public Places Committee met on Tuesday, August 7. Betty Wisda presented ideas to the committee to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Art in Public Places program. The ideas included a 40th Anniversary Art in Public Places Exhibit with photographs of the City's permanent collection on display at Rockville City Hall from late October 2018 to December 2018. A Call for Artists being distributed in January 2019 seeking an artist for a tree carving project at Montrose Park to be completed in spring 2019. A temporary art exhibit titled "Hanging Out at Rockville Town Square" with the theme of animals found in trees from May 2019 through October 2019.
6. The Administrative Council, the Music Director, and Betty Wisda interviewed four applicants for the position of Associate Music Director on September 9. The position is a part-time, temporary position with a stipend of \$2,000 per year. Two applicants were chosen to participate in a conducting exercise that involves conducting four rehearsals and a concert with the Rockville Concert Band.
7. Auditions were held on September 10 for the Rockville Chorus in the Social Hall.
8. The opening of b. gallery (abstract paintings), Tamah Graber (glass), and Force of Five (abstract paintings) was held on June 24 at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Guy Robert Jean performed romantic ballads in French, Spanish, and English that afternoon in the Conservatory that afternoon. The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery will be closed from September 2018 through February 2019 for the ADA Parking Construction Project.
9. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Art and Culture Study in Rockville was submitted to the Procurement Division in July. Staff will provide an update on the status of this RFP at the next meeting.
10. The position for the Recreation and Parks Specialist for Arts, Culture and Events was posted on September 7 with a closing date of September 30.
11. Betty Wisda submitted agenda items for the Proclamation Declaring October as National Arts and Humanities Month as well as for the Deaccession of Three Art in Public Places Sculptures for the meeting of the Mayor and Council on October 8.

Re: Task Force/Committee Updates

Art in Public Places

No Report.

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Culture and Entertainment Plan

No Report.

Re: Chairperson for Cultural Arts Commission

Betty Wisda will provide the Cultural Arts Commissioners a link to Chapter 4- Arts and Culture Affairs of the Rockville City Code; a copy of the proposed responsibilities recommended by the Commissioners; and the role of the Chairperson. These items will be used by the Commissioners for consideration to express an interest to serve as the Chairperson at the next meeting.

Re: Old Business

None.

Re: New Business

Sara Moline reported that her term as a Cultural Arts Commissioner expired on September 1, 2018. She will not submit an Expression of Interest Form for Reappointment.

Re: Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10 in the Black-Eyed Susan Room at Rockville City Hall.

Re: Adjournment

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