

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
April 10, 2019

Members Present: Karen Askin
Liliane Blom
Therese Capal
Patricia Dubroof
Gary Gill
Howard Jung
Jesse Marciniak
Alicia Martin
Tim Nixon

Members Absent: Mary Baltimore, George McHugh

Councilmember: Mark Pierzchala

Staff Present: Betty Wisda, Andy Lett

Karen Askin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Blossom Room at the Rockville Senior Center.

Re: Approval of the Minutes

The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the March 13, 2019 meeting.

Re: Chairperson's Report

No Chairperson Report

Re: Councilmember Report

Mark stated the Mayor and Council is reviewing the FY2020 budget. The next budget meeting will be on April 29. Money for additional projects is limited. Mark said he is looking to put money into the shoring up of the Horse Barn. In the future it could be used for rehearsal or performances.

Re: Staff Report

Staff reported the following items.

1. In March the City of Rockville purchase property at 6 Taft Court. The property is located next to the driving range of the old Red Gate golf course. The primary use of the building will be house Parks and Public works staff who currently work out of trailers on the Gude Dr facility. Additional uses to come. The over retrofit project will be approximately 18 months.
2. Rockville Civic Ballet held three performances of "Don Quixote" on March 16 and 17. Directed by Eleanor Simpson.

3. International Night was held on Friday, March 22 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The night offered a chance to learn about the many different cultures in our community.
4. The opening of the Rockville Student Show for 6-12 grades was held at the Rockville Senior Center. Twenty-two students participated in this year.
5. The Cultural Planning Group held the first round of community input meetings for the Arts and Culture Study from April 1-3. The consultant met with Mayor and Council, members of the Cultural Arts Commission, REDI, ThinkMOCO, City Manager, active members of the arts community, and city staff.
6. Monday, April 1 Mayor and Council held their second meeting on the FY2020 budget. At the meet members of the public were invited to make comments on the budgets. Patrick Sieg and Patricia Dubroof offered their sentiments on the gallery position and the state of arts in Rockville.
7. Thomas Farm Community Center held its 10th Anniversary on Saturday, April 6.
8. The create additional awareness and acceptance for Autism the City of Rockville partnered with Montgomery County Parks and the City of Takoma Park to hold the Light It Up Blue Event.
9. The Cooking and Conversation demonstration was held and Peter Chang Restaurant. The event allowed individuals a chance to watch a cooking demonstration and learn about how to get involved with the City of Rockville.
10. The Planning Commission has released the **Comprehensive Plan, Draft for Public Hearing**. The Draft Plan is available to view at:
www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040.
 - a. Public hearings with the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 15; Wednesday, May 22; and Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the Mayor and Council Chambers.
 - b. Written testimony also may be emailed to planningcommission@rockvillemd.gov
 - c. Two information sessions will be held to help the public and board and commission members understand what is in the Draft Plan. These will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 6:00-8:30 pm and on Saturday, May 11, 9:30am to noon.

Long-range planning staff are available to attend one of the upcoming CAC meetings to talk about plan content as it relates to CAC topic areas, as well as the process for providing written testimony or testifying at a public hearing.

11. Upcoming events associated with the City of Rockville:
 - April 11 – Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speakers Series
 - April 12-14 – Murder at the Mansion ‘A Wedding to Die For’ by Dean Fiala
 - April 20 – The Music Café presents “Tina and Prince – A Royal Tribute.”
 - April 27 – Spring Festival and Native Plant Sale
 - May 3-5 – Rockville Little Theatre presents “Sherlock’s Veiled Secret.”
 - May 4-5 – Rockville Arts Festival presented by VisArts
 - May 4 – Rockville Brewshed: Brewer’s Hike
 - May 10-12 – Rockville Little Theatre presents “Sherlock’s Veiled Secret.”
 - May 11 – Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival presented by Rockville Sister City

May 11 – Mad Hatter’s Tea Party – Mother’s Day Celebration

Re: Task Force/Committee Updates

Art in Public Places

- Upcoming meeting will be on April 23rd.
- Postcard project is on hold until a new location can be found. Preferably on city property.

Culture and Arts Organization Committee

- The subcommittee will be putting together a summary or points of overlapping between all the visiting groups.

Re: Old Business

- Peerless Rockville sent out applications to be part of Rockville Made retail store.
- F. Scott Literary Festival asked for ideas on promoting the literary festival.

Re: New Business

- Howie Jung is attending his first meeting as commissioner. He is a Jazz pianist and interested in improving the music scene in Rockville. Karen asked him to consider looking at county sound ordinances.
- Visarts is underwriting a mural about Mattie Stepanek.
- Jack Kelly from the Boards and Commissions Task Force was observing the meeting. The goal of the task force is to make a recommendations to Mayor and Council on the best practices for boards and commissions.

Re: Community Group Presentations

Eleanor Simpson - Director and Erin Quan – Assistant Director, gave a presentation for Rockville Civic Ballet.

Lorne Garrettson and Cindy Fullerton gave a presentation for Rockville Chorus.

Stewart Talyor – President, gave a presentation for Rockville Concert Band.

Re: Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 in the Blossom Room at the Rockville Senior Center.

Re: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.