

Hightstown Cultural Arts Commission minutes
7/15/2015

Present: Barbara Harrington, Mike Fabian, Adam Welch, Denny Hansen, Kerrie Peterson, Kim Bosnoski, Ann Marie Miller, Catherine Rodrigue, Kat Liao.

Absent: Sue Howard, Frank Rivera

Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice as advertised in the *Trenton Times* and *Windsor Hights Herald*, as required by law, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office.

Ann Marie Miller called the meeting to order.

The June minutes were reviewed and approved after revising to reflect Denny Hansen's absence from the meeting. Motion for approval-Barb Harrington, second-Ann Marie Miller.

Barb Harrington started the meeting with a handout and information about the Harvest Fair (October 10, 2015). She said set-up is at 6AM and takedown at 4PM. She held up a map for the Fair. She noted the areas connected with CAC. Mike asked about the artists' alley. She said we aren't calling it that, but the arts folks will be gathered in the same area. Barb said we didn't want to open it to all. Kat said it's likely the Arts Station will be open to the public, but not display at the Fair site. She said we can have two canopies from the Borough. She said we need volunteers from the CAC. She shared what got cleared Monday night. She asked for ideas for prizes from the drawing. Barb brought a sample of a disc visitors will receive as part of their tour of the displays. She asked for ideas for the prizes. Barb mentioned Frank is going to look into having a portrait artist. Barb said she will follow-up with Frank and see if he will pursue an artist.

Barb asked Ann Marie about the yarn bombing. Ann Marie said that's still planned. Barb thanked her for taking the lead with that. Barb suggested Kat might ask Arts Station artists to come over to the Fair area. Barb asked Kerrie about Hightstown High School for student volunteers. She asked for volunteers for the day of the event. Barb asked for questions. She then moved to the marketing piece. She asked Kim for ideas about how to get word out about her photo contest. Barb asked about vendors for signs/banners, etc. Ann Marie said we need specs/quotes.

Barb asked about manning the booth that day: she said she needs to allow the space for it or not. Ann Marie said someone has to collect the contest pieces. The feeling was the CAC would get enough volunteers. Adam, if he's in town, Kerrie, Ann Marie volunteered.

Barb shared images of a mosaic. She explained the process. Mike asked what will happen to them after the Fair. Barb said she hopes they will become outside art. Mike mentioned a local artist who specializes in mosaics. Barb distributed photos of public mosaics. She welcomed glass and ceramic materials people might donate. She said we cannot use wall ceramic tile.

Ann Marie thanked Barb for her work.

Adam followed with an update on the CAC Master Plan. He said he has an edited draft back, so it's become more manageable. He asked people about questions raised through the edit process.

- For example, he asked about how we would process a public commission. Adam asked whether or not we should include people not on the CAC when deliberating the placement of public commissions. One member thinks we need an ad hoc committee for a large scale commission. Barb suggested a separate panel might ensure continuity.
- Ann Marie suggested we include the performing arts and not limit it to sculpture.
- Adam said there's a question about what to do with works the Commission no longer wants, e.g., how to handle removal and destruction. The general feeling was that's worth adding. There are protocols for this at the NJ State Council.

Commission members reflected on the Latino Festival held this past weekend.

Adam asked if people want to review this. CAC members suggested we see the final copy before submitting it to Council. Adam said the town has a lawyer who will look at it.

Kerrie shared what's happening with the summer theater, sponsored by Hightstown Parks and recreation. She said they are in process. Performances are scheduled for July 31, August 1 and August 2. Kim said they have added a concert for the end of August. She said 40 winks will be playing at the Gazebo at the end of July.

Twelve Farms is opening for First Mondays for open critique sessions, starting August 24 (6:30-9:30). Ann Marie said we will post that to Facebook.

The next meeting will be August 19.

Adam moved the Commission adjourn. Catherine Rodrigue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.