

October 22, 2014 notes

Meeting of Hightstown Cultural Arts Commission

Location: former Roasting Post coffee shop on Main Street

Members in attendance: Bussone, Fabian, Miller, Rodrigue, Welch - and Liaison Misiura

Guests (No confirmation of spelling for anyone) - Phil, lives on Herron Ave, artist, web designer

Renni Di Lorenzo - Restaurantier, 120 North Main St, Hightstown

Barbara (Rennies wife, artist - web designer) - They live in the Clara Barton house

Paul (Rennies partner)

Renni and Paul want to have a rotating gallery, 4-6 weeks duration. They will be open fri, sat, sun for dinner and then as things get better open more. Want to have local musicians play jazz nightly during dinner

Adam Welch did a great mockup of an art master plan booklet. He also read through the goals of the CAC from the ordinance.

Barbara offered to design the CAC website if a web host could be provided/found.

Mike Fabian would like to have a mission / goals created. A lot of discussion in this regard.

Maybe have a call for artists distributed in the water bill. - AM Miller to draft.

All meetings to be 3rd Wednesday of the month, held somewhere on the peddie campus. Comm. Rodrigue to find location.

Next meeting Nov. 19.

Minutes of the Hightstown Cultural Arts Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

7:30 PM

Caspersen History House

Peddie School

People Present

Kim Boknoski

Frank Rivera

Catherine Rodrigue

Barbara Harrington

Jonathan Shahn

Sue Howard

Adam Welch

Kat Liao

Adam opened the meeting, sharing a document he cobbled together from master plans taken from the web. He said all of them have in common setting standards for selecting work to protect the borough and comply with laws, etc. Commission members thought it best to read the document and discuss at the next meeting. He distributed the information to the commissioners.

Commissioners asked about an arts survey discussed at the previous meeting and about the purpose of the survey and extent of the e-mail list. The group discussed the opportunity to bring together small groups to hear local talent. Jonathan suggested building slowly and starting small scale.

The group talked about establishing a website and/or Facebook page. The thinking is that Gary Stevens might do that. Adam said the master plan is informative for considering things we might not otherwise think of.

The Commissioners then turned their attention to sample mission statements. The group looked at four sample missions, agreeing to the following:

The purpose of the Hightstown Cultural Arts Commission is to identify and promote Hightstown's creative potential, set goals for public art and culture, create educational initiatives, community partnerships, and collaborations consistent with the town's demographic reality.

Sue moved the group agree to the mission in bold above. Frank seconded the motion. The mission was unanimously approved.

The group discussed the mission of Downtown Hightstown, which decorates the town with hanging baskets and lights, and the CAC, which looks to cultivate and encourage artists to share their work with the Hightstown community.

The public present applauded the work of the community and thanked them for their efforts.

Adam moved we adjourn. Kim seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.