

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.