

## HIGHTSTOWN CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes for Meeting of December 15, 2021

Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm

Present: Susan Bluth, Sue Howard, Heather Lisk, Ann Marie Miller,, Stephanie Spann, Daniel Trent, Cathy Tsao

Absent: Adam Welch, Chanika

November minutes were reviewed and passed with a motion by Sue Howard, seconded by Stephanie Spann.

### OLD BUSINESS

Anniversary Calendar

Not many sales recently- Hightstown Historical Society posted about it recently and a post was shared out to encourage sales as a Holiday Gift.

### NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Sing A Long

This event will be on Sunday, 12/19 at 6:30pm at the Lake. Dan has a list of 12 Carols to sing. McKenzie Smith(Chorus Teacher at HHS) is helping as well- she will be bringing Advanced Chorus. Susan said that Parks and Rec Dept. said that the outlets should work, if needed. Dan indicated that we need lyric sheets for participants. AnnMarie will speak with Mckenzie about lyric sheets she has access to and fill in from there. Sue said we can always reuse them next year if we make extra copies. Ann Marie has 3 dozen elf hats, 3 sets of 100 small lights for decorating before the event. Dan asked if we have power and Susan indicated they do, so Dan will bring his PA system. Sue asked how we are advertising- Facebook & Instagram posts. Downtown Hightstown also has shared out, and will share out again Friday. Dan said under 40 degrees no guitar, shaker and maracas only, as it will be too cold to play guitar.

Old Hights Art Exhibits

Old Hights asked if we would be interested in setting up some exhibits/rotating exhibits similar to what 12 Farms used to do each month. Ann Marie indicated that we would be interested. Sue suggested it may be too dark for the art work, would there be something to help with lighting- Track lighting? Ann Marie will ask.

Public Art Street Painting

AnnMarie spoke with Kristin Albee in Philadelphia about their asphalt painting project. This project took 6 years to get paintings done(due to parking issues and COVID). They collaborated with Mural Arts, so the collaboration brought the \$ to the table for artists- \$ for both design and installation. Asphalt Art doesn't last as long, so we would need to factor maintenance of paintings in as well. Sherwin Williams paint can be used, rather than the more expensive asphalt paints. We have more information now that we can send to Borough Engineer for conversation, so AnnMarie will reach out to set something up. Community had a lot of participation from neighbors and schools nearby in Philly. The artist did a workshop with the 8th grade class to get ideas/ created a contest for student ideas to help artists

designs. They also used community paint days, and closed the street. Stephanie expressed concern for it potentially taking too long. Sue indicated that parking shouldn't be an issue because cars don't park there(not sure if they are even allowed to park there).

#### First Aid Painting

Update will be next month from Susan, she hasn't been able to get in touch with anyone over there.

#### Commissioners

Susan indicated that some commissioners will need to re-sign now/soon. AnnMarie mentioned that we are still waiting on approval from Larry on Saira Wang joining the commission. Susan will ask him to take care of this. AnnMarie hopes everyone will consider signing back on. Dan, Sue, Cathy and Heather are all up soon. We still need 1 more commissioner to join us, if Saira is approved.

#### County Grant

AnnMarie said that we should have an approval/ dollar amount on the requested County Grant soon. There is another grant opportunity that AnnMarie found out about recently that would be due in February but not sure if time allow, or what exactly we need until we get the info back from Count

There being no other old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.