

**Village of Hastings-On-Hudson
Hastings-on-Hudson Village Arts Commission**

October 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Jane Cameron, Nancy DeNatale, Bruce Levy, Kit Demirdelen, Daniel Markham and Lisa Oswald. A quorum was in order.

Bruce Levy called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in the second floor conference room of the Municipal Building at 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY on October 17, 2016.

I. Current Programs and Events:

Village Hall Gallery (VHG):

Bruce Levy reported the Imagining Architecture storefront boards are now removed with the exception of Bauer Optical on Main Street. The Westchester AIA covered the show in its Arch Plus newsletter. A discussion followed on whether the Commission would consider repeating the format in the Fall. Feedback from the community was mixed, and the Commissioners' feedback was mixed, commenting on the level of effort, the lack of context, and the aesthetics.

Cristine Kossov's VHG show called "A Collection of Collections" will be removed by October 31, 2016. Jane Cameron realized we had not collected a signed contract from Cristine. Jane will follow-up on the contract and will be present when the show is removed to ensure our hanging system is returned to the storage closet.

Daniel Belasco is the project manager for The Studio Collective show that will hang on November 8. The opening reception will be Sunday, November 13, from 5 - 7 pm. This show will be removed January 6, 2017.

Bruce reported on a meeting with Bruce and Lisa and Police Chief Vassali about extending lights on at VHG. The Chief is not able to staff a lights on/lights off service on weekends. The VHG track lighting system will be installed the week of October 31, 2016. Timers will be added at a cost of \$400 so lights can be on during Village Hall business hours six days a week (Mon – Sat).

Lisa confirmed Hastings monotype artist Chloe Sikirica is the first artist exhibiting in 2017 and her show will be hung as early as January 7 to March 15th. Kit Demirdelen is the show curator. Reception date is TBD.

The River Arts Studio Tour Preview Show will follow, from March 12 – April 30. Hanging dates and opening reception dates are TBD.

Kit has a recommendation for a VHG show with a Spring Street Hastings artist. She will send images to the Commission for consideration.

Rotating Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit (ROSE):

ROSE curator Dan Markham suggested we extend the outdoor sculpture exhibit by Dan Logan indefinitely until we secure another artist. He will contact him to confirm.

II. New Program Planning:

A discussion followed on whether the artists' contract should be amended to address responsibility for damage to the track lighting system. Who will take responsibility for these edits is TBD.

Nancy DeNatale reported two artists are installing art at Riverview Park on Warburton Avenue - Malcolm MacDougall and Patrick Faile. Nancy is exploring whether either or both can install art pieces in other Hastings parks. The local Warburton Avenue neighborhood is fundraising for additional landscaping, furniture and the installation of the public sculpture at Riverview Park. A discussion followed on whether the Arts Commission would sponsor the installation at the Park or coordinate a companion show of the sculptors' works in VHG.

Nancy suggested the idea of an outdoor banner show, as the Village owns hardware for hanging banners on the lamp posts downtown.

Nancy is pursuing the idea of a village-wide Barbara Morgan photography show in conjunction with the Square Peg Gallery and Hastings Historical Society. Ben Diep, owner of Square Peg Gallery, has been in conversations with the Morgan family. Nancy will continue the conversations and report back to the Arts Commission.

Susan Soriano via email raised the idea of creating a Hastings art night, with Square Peg Gallery, Upstream Gallery, the Fitness Gallery and VHG planning openings on the same day or a "Third Thursday" art night.

Bruce reported the "Our Town" grant application on visualizing climate change was submitted in September 2016. The timeframe for reply is TBD.

Lisa suggested a show with Hastings artist Louise Cadoux, currently on view at Upstream Gallery. Ideas were also raised for a group show of illustrators residing in Hastings, a literary-themed show on book arts, or a show highlighting the intersection with art and commerce (miniatures, musicians, rare book sellers).

III. Administrative:

Adjusted 2017 meetings dates are January 23 and February 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is November 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald