

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

July 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Daniel Belasco, Nancy DeNatale, Bruce Levy, Lisa Oswald and Susan Soriano. A quorum was in order.

Bruce Levy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the second floor conference room of the Municipal Building at 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY on July 18, 2016. Bruce prefaced the business portion of the meeting with a salute to the Arts Commission for a successful year in which we've kept VHG fully occupied and raised the bar on the quality and caliber of our exhibitions.

I. Current Programs and Events:

Village Hall Gallery (VHG):

Bruce reported 11 architects and Hastings architectural photographer Alison Bert are participating in the Imagining Architecture show. Show will be hung by July 23, 2016 in twelve storefronts concentrated on Main Street and around the corner onto Warburton Avenue and in VHG. Each participant submitted two presentation boards. Hastings artist Suzanne Levine created a poster for the show featuring a drawing by architect Stephen Tilly from Dobbs Ferry. Bruce will send the show notice to Westchester Hudson Valley Chapter of the AIA who agreed to advertise the show. Dan Markham will assign the store locations for each architect and create a digital map of the storefront/architect locations. A \$25 application fee has been collected from most participants to cover materials costs. The show opening is Sunday, July 24, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and ends on September 7, 2016. Nancy DeNatale volunteered to coordinate the reception. Lisa Oswald will contact George Klascik for a wine donation. A discussion followed about possible student workshop(s) or community events or a tie-in with a library display of architectural books.

Lisa and Jane Cameron are curating the September – October 2016 show by Hastings pastel artist Christine Kossow, to be hung on September 9, 2016 and reception on Sunday, September 11, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. The show runs through October 31, 2016.

Daniel Belasco is the project manager for The Studio Collective exhibit that will follow in November – December 2016.

II. New Program Planning:

A discussion followed confirming our support of thematic shows that might showcase other non-visual art forms represented in the community, like writers, musicians or filmmakers. We agreed to evaluate the success of the Imagining Architecture show – community feedback, foot traffic on the street, etc. -- to assess whether the effort to execute this type of show is commensurate with the benefits.

Lisa reported the 2017 VHG calendar is open and we are actively soliciting proposals. Susan and Jane will meet in September to brainstorm a thematic show for 2018.

III. Administrative:

Lisa reported final edits on the Art Commission's promotional postcard were delivered to Mark Friedman. All photo approvals were obtained. Lisa will price printing a supply of cards.

Bruce reported the new track lighting in VHG should be installed in the next two weeks. The contract has been signed.

Bruce and Steve Zeitlin determined our New York Commission on the Arts proposal is not closely related to the Erie Canal theme and we will not submit a grant proposal in 2016. However, we will explore the NEA Our Town grants, where our theme of visualizing climate change may be better suited, due September 12, 2016. Bruce and Trustee Meg Walker had a conversation about how art might be included in waterfront development proposals. Nancy raised the idea of engaging BP in investing in "an artist's perspective" in the

long-term plans for the waterfront. Bruce asked the Commission to read the waterfront proposal reports on the www.hastingsgov.org/ site. We will revisit this idea in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is August 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald
Secretary