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

August 15, 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 7:34 pm in the second floor conference room of the Municipal Building at 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY on August 15, 2016.

I. Current Programs and Events:

Village Hall Gallery (VHG):

Bruce Levy shared follow-ups on the Imagining Architecture show. Receiving materials within the last 48 hours of the opening posed a challenge for hanging the work in the storefronts and creating a show list/map. Feedback tells us pedestrians are unaware of the show and its meaning. Bruce suggested the boards in VHG be redeployed in the storefronts through October after the show is removed on September 7, 2016. Ideas for a digital map or a walking tour conducted by participating architects Cristina Griffith of Hastings or Michael Lewis of Dobbs Ferry was mentioned. Peter Gaito, Jr. of the Westchester AIA committed to cover the show in its Arch Plus newsletter as well as in its 50th Anniversary edition in October 2016. The storefront show will be removed on or about October 15, 2016 before the annual Halloween window-painting contest.

Lisa Oswald reported the Cristine Kossow pastel painting show called "A Collection of Collections" will be hung on Friday, September 9, 2016 with the opening reception on Sunday, September 11 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The show will be removed by October 31, 2016.

Daniel Belasco is the project manager for The Studio Collective show that will follow in November and December. Lisa will inquire with Susan Maggiotto at Village Hall on building policy on leaving the lights on over the weekend. Bruce suggested we establish a schedule to put out show posters on Saturdays during the Farmers Market.

II. New Program Planning:

Susan Soriano suggested to Jody DeCrenza at The Fitness Gallery that her closing reception for the Mikhail Turovsky show could be held on Thursday, September 8th based on Peter Swidierski's availability. A discussion followed about staging a regular Arts night/arts crawl to cluster gallery events in Hastings.

Nancy DeNatale reported on the improvements to Hastings Riverview Park infrastructure and landscaping. Patrick O'Neill of Faile and Malcolm McDougal are placing sculpture in the park on display for one year or more. Friends of Riverview Park is curating the work and coordinating with Hastings DPW and Parks and Recreation on the installation. Nancy suggested the Arts Commission agreed to co-sponsor the installation. We then discussed whether the sculptors could stage a show in VHG in 2017.

Stuart Wolferman is continuing his conversation with Brooklyn artist Tom Fruin about a proposal to the Board of Trustees for an artful rendering of the water tower at the waterfront.

III. Administrative:

Financial report: In Stuart's absence, Bruce reported our current balance is \$1961.00.

Lisa Oswald reported on the Art Commission's promotional postcard. Final edits have been submitted to Mark Friedman. The Commission approved an order of 1000 cards for an estimated \$250.00 from Vistaprint.

Bruce reported he went through the Municipal Building with the electrician to pre-plan the track lighting installation. Bruce is waiting on confirmation of the lead time for delivery of the fixtures before a start date is set. The work may take three days to complete and should be done in September.

Bruce and Steve Zeitlin are continuing talks about submitting an Our Town grant in September 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is September 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald Secretary