

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

March 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Jane Cameron, Nancy DeNatale, Kit Demirdelen, Bruce Levy, 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 March 20, 2017.

Lisa Oswald distributed a copy of the HVAC terms of service. Corrections were noted and will be returned to the Village Clerk's office to update the Village file copy.

Elections: The current slate of officers was unanimously elected for another term, as follows: Bruce Levy, Chairman; Lisa Oswald, Secretary; Stuart Wolferman, Treasurer. Lisa will poll Commissioners to reconfirm their commitment to the Arts Commission in 2017. A discussion followed about the optimal size and participation levels of the Commission.

I. Current Programs and Events:
Village Hall Gallery (VHG):

Bruce reported the Current Chloe Sikirica show will be removed a week later than planned on March 24, 2017.

The River Arts Studio Preview Tour show will be hung March 25 through April 30, 2017 with the opening on Sunday, April 2, from 4-6 pm. Kit Demirdelen is project manager. Lisa will contact The Enterprise. April 22 is the Open Studio Tour weekend. Jane requested how much annual funding the Hastings Village contributes to support River Arts. Lisa will ask Hastings Wine and Liquors for the donated case for Kit to pick up the day before the reception.

Kit and Jane Cameron are project managers for the Joe Gutowski painting show to be hung Friday, May 5, 2017 with the opening on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 4-6 pm and show removal on June 30, 2017.

Dan Markham is the project manager for the July-August show for Hastings' painter Edward Bear Miller. Lisa volunteered to help with show themes/art selection.

Lisa reported on the plans for How High The Moon, the open juried art show collaboration with Hastings Historical Society, in September-October. Call For Artists has been released to 30+ artist associations and media sites. The Mayor will send a village-wide call for artists e-blast. The first planning meeting with Natalie Barry, HHS President, and Jan Clough, HHS board member, was held on March 4. Four companion events are planned: poetry workshop, star/moon gazing event, children's art event, and lecture at Hastings Library. Lisa will create a budget for promotional materials, reception, design, stipends for special events, etc. Lisa has enlisted Suzanne Levine's help to produce promotional materials for the show – call to artist's flyer, show poster, banners, and press-on type.

Hastings Artist Eleni LaSenna was approved for a November – December 2017 show. Kit Demirdelen is the project manager.

A discussion followed about photographer Fred Charles, and consideration for a show was put on hold.

II. New Program Planning:

A discussion followed about the purpose of art in the community and the role of the Commission in facilitating conversations through art, and what that might mean about the way we solicit and produce show ideas. Our role should be in line with our mission.

Ideas for 2018 shows were discussed, including themed shows, open juried shows, an invite to Arle Sklar Weinstein to curate a show, an Alison Bert photography show, a partnership with RiverArts and more. Nancy DeNatale offered to explore the idea of a River to River show themed on the Niagara and Hudson Rivers.

Lisa is working with Suzanne Levine on an “evergreen” banner to promote art shows at Village Hall. Designs to come at the next meeting.

Outdoor Sculpture (ROSE):

Daniel Markham reported no new news on ROSE project manager.

IV. Treasurer’s Report:

Bruce reported a balance of \$1,984.46. Village budget requests included \$750 for the year for art openings and \$750 for the year for signage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is April 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald
Secretary