

**Village of Hastings-On-Hudson  
Hastings-on-Hudson Village Arts Commission  
May 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Jane Cameron, Bruce Levy, Susan Soriano, Lisa Oswald and Sturt Wolferman. 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 May 15, 2017.

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

**Joe Gutowski Show:** Curator Jane Cameron confirmed five paintings have sold. Show comes down on Friday, June 30, 2017. Jane described how Joe devised two interlocking command strips to keep tension on the hanging wires to keep artworks hanging flush against the wall. A discussion followed about the challenges of hanging heavier works on the present system. The long metal hanging rods may be in storage at the Historical Society; can we retrieve them (?), and we may need to buy more clips. Lisa Oswald will contact Natalie Barry. We need a volunteer to help remove Joe's show as Jane and Kit will be away. Joe would like to have a closing reception (subsequent to the meeting, he changed his mind). Jane will confirm with Nancy DeNatale that she can supervise the show removal and to survey the conditions of the wall.

**Edward Bear Miller:** Dan Markham is the project manager for the July-August show. Dan and Lisa did a studio visit last week to scope a concept for the show. Dan and Bear will hang the show. See below for timings. Bear's show needs to be removed on August 30, as the next show will be hung on August 31.

**Painting the Gallery:** Bruce met with Buddy (building department) to plan the wall repairs and painting the week of July 3. We agreed on a maximum contribution from the Arts Commission of \$300. Work will be targeted for Wednesday and Thursday, so the Bear Miller show can be hung Friday, July 7 or Saturday July 8, with the opening on Sunday, July 9 from 4-6 pm. Bruce will add an amendment to the artist's agreement about wall damage. Bruce and Buddy will talk to Fran Fobel about repainting the first and second floor hallways. Lisa will contact Bear about the show dates.

**How High The Moon:** Lisa reported 14 artist entries received so far. The Dava Sobel Lecture is moved to October 1, 2-4 pm (includes post-lecture reception). Lisa and Susan met last week for show planning, including a preliminary review of the entries; ideally, we'd like to receive 4-5 additional artists. Lisa will send the names of artists who have submitted to the Arts Commission, so they can make personal "call for artists" asks of others. Dates for receiving art have been set. Lisa will contact Village Hall about using the second room conference room for art storage during receiving week. Stuart presented a great idea for Hastings restaurants to serve special moon-themed cocktails the night of the opening. He will solicit the restaurants and develop a special coupon.

**Eleni LaSenna Paintings:** Confirmed for a November – December 2017 show. Kit Demirdelen is the project manager. No updates available.

**II. New Program Planning:**

The Commission renewed its interest in photographer Fred Charles who has a series on climate change. Stuart will source and present the new material at the next meeting. We are actively seeking artists for the January-February 2018 time slot.

Bruce suggested a **Sound Art Sculpture** exhibit at various venues around Hastings together with an inside gallery show in May-June 2018. It might inherit some of the Caramoor Center for Music and Arts exhibit of "The Garden of Sonic Delights." Dan Markham and Stuart Wolferman will also work on the show, and River Arts agreed to partner with us. Bruce is meeting on Thursday May 25 with Ellie Murphy, Manager of Artistic Planning, and Kathy Schuman, Managing Director, at Caramoor if there is any interest

and to pursue a potential partnership or grant. A discussion followed on ideas, including a series of activities and interactive sculptures, live performances, a tie to the Quarry Park opening or the June River Arts Music Festival. Lisa will connect Bruce and Stuart with Steven Brent, a Hastings sound artist. The Commission agreed to proceed.

Banner: Lisa shared Suzanne Levine's design for an evergreen banner for the wall in front of Village Hall to advertise art openings. She will take the feedback to Suzanne for revisions.

NEA Arts Grant: Bruce reported the grant application re climate change was not accepted.

Outdoor Sculpture (ROSE):

Susan Soriano confirmed William Logan agreed to place his new sculpture, currently in his front yard. He suggested the park at the corner of Broadway and Warburton Avenue. A DPW truck will be required to move it. Timing TBD. Questions about insurance TBD. A discussion on location followed. Susan will follow-up with Bill Logan.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report:**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is June 19, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald  
Secretary