

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

**April 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Daniel Belasco, Kit Demirdelen, Bruce Levy, Daniel Markham, Lisa Oswald, Susan Soriano and Stuart Wolferman. Chloe Sikirica joined as a guest. A quorum was in order.

Bruce Levy called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm in the second-floor conference room at Village Hall, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY on April 16, 2018.

Bruce introduced Chloe Sikirica, a Hastings artist, who has submitted an application to the BOT to join the Commission to fill its one open spot; she is observing tonight's proceedings.

**I. Current Programs and Events**

Village Hall Gallery (VHG):

**River Arts Studio Tour Preview Show:** Kit praised the coordination and process of hanging the 47-artist show. Upstream Gallery is hosting a reception on Friday night for its members participating in the April 21-22 RiverArts Studio Tour. The show will be removed on April 28, 2018. Separately, Bruce confirmed the open dates have been submitted to the Building Department to paint the gallery walls; however, it has not been confirmed whether both floors will be painted, and whether the walls floor to ceiling will be painted, rather than just a touch up. Bruce communicated the two available painting windows to the Building Department, either before the John Maggiotto show and after July 4.

**John Maggiotto Photography Show:** Bruce is the project manager. Lisa has John's images and a press release. Lisa delivered vinyl wall graphics to Bruce. Show will be hung on May 4, with the opening on Sunday, May 6 from 4-6 pm. Show will be removed on June 30, 2018.

**Tali Margolin Show:** Lisa Oswald reported no changes to the show hang date on July 8 or remove date of August 26, 2018. Opening reception is still confirmed for Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. Lisa called for a volunteer to take over for her to hang the show, as this coincides with a heavy workload period for the River Flows Both Ways show. Stuart volunteered; Lisa will make an email introduction with Tali next month.

**The River Flows Both Ways:** Lisa reported the RFBW call to artists has been posted or mailed to more than 80 arts associations in New York and Connecticut, including The Rivertowns Enterprise, Arts Westchester and RivertownsGuide.com. One artist has submitted an entry and several have inquired via email; based on this early reaction, Lisa predicts the number of artists entering the show will exceed last year's count. Lindsey Jean Taylor has agreed to handle marketing and promotion for the show. Lisa invited Tom Lecky, owner of Riverrun Books and Manuscripts to participate in some way with the show. Bruce had invited Barbara Segal of Yonkers to participate in ROSE, however, she is not able to entertain the idea of placing a river-themed sculpture on the Library lawn this year.

**November – December 2018:** Project manager Daniel Belasco reported Lexie Smith agreed to show with us and is excited to be connected back to her hometown, Hastings-On-Hudson.

**May - June 2019:** Bruce reported Sound Arts is still a placeholder for May-June 2019 for a music and sculpture show.

**November – December 2019:** Dan Markham confirmed Dobbs Ferry artist Man Sheng Wang will show in November-December 2019.

**II. New Program Planning:**

**Facebook Page:** We agreed there is confusion on our Facebook page because there is an original Arts Commission group Nancy DeNatale created and our current page. Lisa asked Stuart to work with Nancy to decommission the original page, meaning it should NOT be searchable or postable by the public.

**Outdoor Sculpture (ROSE):** Bruce shared a letter from the Building Inspector regarding next steps Bill Logan's sculpture for Wagner Park, requiring a presentation to and approval from the Zoning Board, the Planning Board and the Architectural Review Board for placement of the art. Bruce will discuss the matter with Fran Frobels.

**Mural Idea:** Lisa reported she talked to artist Larry D'Amico of Peekskill, the painter of the 1920s views of downtown Hastings hanging at the Hastings Library. Lisa make a studio visit this year, to plan a potential 2019 show. Larry is also a muralist, and Lisa suggested if we wished to revive the idea of installing a downtown mural, Larry could be a resource to help us understand the process.

#### **IV. Administrative**

**Marketing and Promotion:** Lisa shared the final design of the newspaper ad template for promoting opening receptions for our artists' solo shows; the first ad will appear in the May 4 edition of The Rivertowns Enterprise. Lisa shared the two finished outdoor banners promoting our art openings; these will be used for the first time outside Village Hall for John Maggiotto's show. Lisa will come to the next meeting with more ideas for the outdoor signage for Village Hall.

**New Members:** A discussion followed with Chloe Sikirica about her interests in the Arts Commission. She talked about our desire to draw in new families and younger people to experience our offerings. She understands the commitments of the role and is willing to serve. A discussion followed about our desire to provide experiences for patrons, like workshops, lectures or demonstrations on art processes. Separately, the Commissioners agreed unanimously to recommend Chloe to Nicki Armacost and the BOT.

**Appointments:** Lisa Oswald and Bruce Levy were reappointed to the Arts Commission on April 2, 2018 by the BOT.

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

Bruce reported an account balance of \$2,789.56. Kit has a receipt under \$50 for reimbursement for hanging material. Lisa has a receipt under \$50 for reimbursement for vinyl lettering.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is May 21, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald

## **Role Description: Hastings Village Arts Commissioner**

### Hastings Village Arts Commission

The Village Arts Commission was established by the Board of Trustees to enrich the lives of Hastings-on-Hudson. The Commission promotes the use of the village's public spaces including the Municipal Building and outdoor venues for display of visual arts of various media and sculpture, and welcomes proposals from artists, sculptors and curators on a rolling year-round basis.

A commissioner in good standing is expected to:

- Regularly attend the monthly Village Arts Commission meetings, held the third Monday of the month, at 7:30 pm at Hastings Village Hall, and actively participate in furthering the mission of the Arts Commission.
- Act as the lead/co-lead project manager to produce a minimum of one gallery or outdoor art show in a 12-month period. The Arts Commission presents six exhibitions at Village Hall Gallery and up to two outdoor sculpture shows each year.
  - o Duties of the project manager include, but not limited to, acting as the Commission's liaison with exhibiting artist to curate artworks presented in show, supervise hanging and removal of show, inspecting condition of VHG walls before and after show, executing the contract with artist; approving, tracking and submitting any expenses incurred for show in a timely manner with Village Clerk's office, and procuring refreshments, tables and assisting with set-up and clean-up for opening reception.
- Attend at public events presented by the Arts Commission.
- Promote the mission of the Arts Commission through advocacy, social media and word-of-mouth communications, and actively seeking requests for proposals from artists and curators.

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