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

October 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

Bruce Levy called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm in the second-floor conference room at Village Hall, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY on October 15, 2018.

I. New Program Planning

Waterfront Dreams: No further follow-up in the past month from Hasting's resident Steve Zeitlin.

Edgars Lane 240th Commemoration Committee: The Commission agreed it has no direct role in the approvals of the EL240 memorial and no further action is necessary. Bruce Levy will draft a letter to organizer Fred Charles, thanking him for including the Arts Commission in its communications, with a copy to Trustee Dan Lemons, who recommended EL240 present to the Commission.

II. Current Programs and Events

Village Hall Gallery (VHG):

The River Flows Both Ways: Co-curators Lisa Oswald and Susan Soriano reported we sold out the lecture on Jasper Cropsey presented by the Newington-Cropsey Foundation Gallery of Art on September 30, 2018. More than 100 people attended; the event's mailing list will be shared with N-C. Feedback was highly positive, in person and online. A fourth artwork has sold -- Neil Lavey's "Grey Day." Nancy DeNatale and Susan Soriano have expenses to submit for reimbursement. Lisa will present a final budget at the November meeting and will submit her expenses thereafter. The \$500 stipend from Newington-Cropsey will be collected after the show closes. The show is being removed November 4 2018.

Lexie Smith - Nov/Dec 2018: Curator Daniel Belasco reported Lexie Smith backed out of the show. A discussion followed about options, either keep the gallery dark, move Jim Napierala up into the spot or find a replacement artist.

Jim Napierala - Jan/Feb 2019: Chloe Sikirica, project manager, was not present to share an update.

River Arts - March/April 2019: Kit Demirdelen, project manager, was not present to share an update.

Sound Arts - May/June 2019: Bruce is the project manager. A series of performances related to music and composing sound will be staged in and around Hastings over the course of one-to-two weeks. In the gallery, plans are to build a display of five or six installations to document the music sessions. Susan requested a mock-up of the gallery installation. Artists may be invited to create site-specific material for the gallery. Bruce, Dan Markham and Stuart Wolferman are meeting every two weeks to plan the event. Dan will contact the choir master at Hastings High School about participation. Nancy suggested the Hudson Valley Singers may be an option.

July/August 2019- Open. Lisa and Susan invited Julia Eisen-Lester of Yonkers, one of the artists in The River Flows Both Ways exhibition, to show solo. Lisa will talk to her about details and timing, including this summer time slot will be offered. Nancy DeNatale reported Hastings painter Susan

Cooper is interested in showing at Village Hall again. Subsequent to this meeting, Julia Eisen-Lester is confirmed for May/June 2020.

September/October 2019: Lisa confirmed the Hastings Historical Society has agreed to partner with HVAC to honor actress Billie Burke in our next juried art exhibition. The HHS board approved the idea at its September 2018 meeting. Susan volunteered to research options for an online art submission tool.

November/December 2019 – Dan Markham reported artist Mansheng Weng is still scheduled.

Administrative:

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Village Clerk Linda Loeb reported a balance in our account of \$3,938.12 as of 10/15/2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is November 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald Secretary