

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, November 16, 2011

Present

Franca Biales
Cassandra Day (vice-chair)
Richard Kamins
David Davis
Jenny Hawkins Lecce (Sec.)
Lee Godburn (Chair)
Barbara Arafah
Lauren Hodge (student rep)
Chelsea Rak (student rep)
Bob Santangelo (Council)

Also Present

Stephan Allison, staff

Absent

Fran Ganguli
Maria Malafronte (student rep)
Joyce Kirkpatrick
Lea Tomaszewski
Charlotte McCoid
Linda Salafia (Council)

Call to order

Commission Chair Godburn called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Municipal Building, room 208, Middletown, CT.

Public session: None in attendance.

Minutes from October 26, 2011

Motion by Richard Kamins to accept minutes, Jenny Hawkins Lecce seconds. Approved.

Remarks from the Chair

Commission Chair Godburn welcomed our newest commissioner Franca Biales.

Old Business

Budget Report - nothing to report.

Program Update

Arts Stakeholders Group: contractor for website has alternative design still in the works. Ongoing meetings are set to review and continue work on the site.

- i) Arts & Creative Industries Council, Creative Juice (Chamber of Commerce): Met on Dec 8 at Canoe Club along with Young Professionals.
- ii) Website- Arts2Go.org, work continues on fixing a programming issue.

Ethics Code- Gift Limits, no news.

Subcommittee Assignments- Lee is still collecting and compiling the committee memberships.

Other: Midnight on Main is coming up and still looking for volunteers.

Committee Reports

Public Art Committee

- i) Catalogue of Public Art Collection: from Joyce Kirkpatrick via Coordinator Allison, work continues.
- ii) MCAAAA: No report.
- iii) Display Area Dedication: to be determined once catalogue is complete, possibly coinciding with 40th anniversary events.

Planning & Projects Committee:

- i) Arts Walk: no news until the new year.
- ii) Arts Advocacy Award: no news until the new year.

Nominating Committee: Commission Vacancy (0); Review of Bylaws: no news.

Other: (Publicity Committee, Kids Arts Committee, Archive Committee): KidsArts: Stephan is asking presenters to consider a full day program in their application.

New Business

MCA 40th – March 2012 Planning and projects will meet and begin formulating proposals for the 40th Anniversary of the MCA.

MCA meeting schedule: The Finance Commission has moved their start time from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and have requested use of room #208. The dates in question are March 28, 2012; June 27, 2012; September 26, 2012 and November 28, 2012. Richard Kamins motioned that the MCA move our meetings to Arts Office on 3/28, 6/27, 9/26, 11/28 to accommodate the importance of city finance. Jennifer Hawkins Lecce seconded. Carried unanimously.

MCA Budget 2012-2013: discussions on the new budget will begin in January.

Other: Updated Commissioners List distributed; meeting schedule for 2012 distributed.

Miscellaneous

Stephan informed us that Barbara Santangelo retired and the Commission wishes to express that she will be greatly missed.

Barbara Arafah shared that the Middletuners will be the entertainers at the legislator's breakfast in Hartford on December 23rd, 2012.

Adjournment

Richard Kamins moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., seconded by David Davis and the Commission will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on January 25, 2012.

Respectfully submitted
Jenny Hawkins Lecce