

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Special Meeting
Minutes, June 29, 2015

Present

Cassandra Day (chair)
Jenny Hawkins Lecce(v.c)
Franca Biales (sec.)
Joyce Kirkpatrick
Barbara Arafeh
Sara MacSorley
Julia Faraci
Fran Ganguli (Arr 5:38)
Sebastian Giuliano
Anthony Moran (Student rep)

Also Present

Stephan Allison, Staff

Absent

Jay Hoggard
Lee Godburn
Charlotte McCoid
Jackie Pawlak (Student rep)
Robert Santangelo

Call to order

Cassandra Day, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm in Municipal Building, room 208.

Public Session – No members of the public present

Minutes

- a) May 27, 2015 - Motion to approve by Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded by Commissioner Lecce.
Motion passed with one abstention. Councilman Giuliano abstained.

Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve by Councilman Giuliano seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick.
Passed unanimously.

Remarks from the Chair – Glad to be able to reschedule the meeting of June 24 with this special meeting.

Old Business:

- a) **Budget Report**- Sent electronically to commissioners.
- b) **Program Update**
- i. Arts Stakeholders Group- Has not yet met for summer meeting.
 - ii. Summer Sounds – Will continue to be held at Harbor Park and will begin July 7th with Angelo Sapia.
 - iii. Kids Arts- Started today and is being held at Spencer School.
 - iv. Fireworks- July 3rd – Will begin at 4:00 pm. Fireworks at approximately 9:20 pm. Broadcast live on WMRD and on Tune In app for smart phones .
- c) **Semi-annual report to Mayor/Common Council** – Chair Day will speak at the July, 2015 Common Council meeting.

Committee Reports:

- a) **Endowment Research Committee** – ongoing
- b) **Executive Committee**- ongoing
- c) **Nominating Committee**- Proposed slate for next year as follows:
President-Jenny Hawkins Lecce, Vice President-Franca Biales, Secretary-Julia Faraci
- i. Review of Bylaws – ongoing
- d) **Planning and Projects Committee**
- i. Poet Laureate- Motion to authorize the Executive Committee to finalize the details for the Poet Laureate position by Councilman Giuliano seconded by Commissioner MacSorley. Passed unanimously
- e) **Public Art Committee** -ongoing

New Business

a) **MCAAAA receipt approval**- Motion to accept the recommendation of the Public Art Committee to award the MCAAAA to Willow Wells by Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded by Commissioner Ganguli. Passed unanimously

b) Establish Public Art acquisition deadlines-Discussion on the advantages of making a decision on the acquisition of public art by the January or February MCA meeting.

c) Public art outreach efforts- Discussion on ways to curate our public art collection. Possibilities include: Use college students in curatorial program, seek grants, engage in discussions on how to best curate our collection. Commissioner MacSorley will make contact with the director of the curatorial program at Wesleyan.

d) Commissioner MacSorley began discussion on the possibility of using Facebook as another avenue for resharing information on events taking place in Middletown. It would also link to Arts2go. All commissioners could be administrators. Mr. Allison will look into the use of Facebook for city activity.

Miscellaneous

a) Grant Report(s)- none

b) Announcements -The GMC sent thank you note for the \$500 they received from the MCA.
Willow Wells sent thank you note to MCA for the MCAAAA
Mariah Reisner sent thank note regarding the Big Draw.
Music at the Mansion, Wednesdays, will begin on July 1, 2015
The Middletuners' concert will be at the Senior Center, July 7, 12:30- 1:30
Sing along at the Senior Center, July 21, 12:30- 1:30

Adjournment

Adjournment at 6:25 pm.

The MCA will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 in room 208, Municipal Building, 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Franca Biales