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Arts and Culture Commission

Palana Hunt-Hawkins (Chair)
Ashley Desrochers (City Council Rep)
Kris Ebbeson
Ed Pacht (Poet Laureate)
Nicole Lee
Marie Lejune
Sarah Rowe

Minutes

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Rochester Museum of Fine Arts – Rochester Community Center
150 Wakefield St

I. Call to Order

Palana Hunt- Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:29pm

II. Roll Call

Shanna Saunders conducted silent roll call.

III. Approval of minutes from March 15, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Ebbeson and seconded by Ms. Derochers to approve minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission meeting held on May 17, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Mural Application

A. [3 Wallace, Main Street Program/Matthew Wyatt](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Derochers and seconded by Ms. Lejune to approve the Mural application for the rear of the building at 3 Wallace Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lejune stated that Dr. Laurion's son-in-law is on her board. Mrs. Lejune stated that she would talk to him.

V. Paper Mural Map

The Art & Culture Commission members collectively agreed that the creation of a Paper Mural Map would be continued to the next fiscal year budget, starting in July.

VI. Finalization of the Poet Laureate Book

Ms. Hunt-Hawkins handed Ms. Saunders a USB of the finalized Port Laureate Book. The book will be reviewed for immediate publishing.

VII. Art Awards Call for Nominations/Criteria

The Arts & Culture Commission members discussed the definition of “art”.

Criteria to include that artists meet a minimum of three.

A member asked if an event can be nominated. If the event adds to the definition of “art”, such as Free Comic Book Day, then it can be nominated.

A member mentioned adding Youth award(s) to the Art Awards. Art teachers of middle and high school students would be able to nominate their students’ art for the awards.

There was a discussion of an Arts District, such as the one in Hanover through Dartmouth College and Portsmouth also has an Arts District.

The Arts & Culture Commission members agreed that the Art Awards event be held at the in September. Ms. Saunders stated that she would reach out the Governor’s Inn as a possible host facility.

Banner Order

Logo contest for logo company/schools.

The Commission members stated that the event should start to be advertised as soon as possible to receive as many nominations as possible. Nominations can be sent to Ms. Lejune, Ms. Ebbeson, and Ms. Rowe as PDFs. There will also be a link created on the websites and Facebook pages.

VIII. Other Business

The Commission members agreed to hold a SBDC day for arts businesses. These businesses could include signs, landscaping, and home occupation businesses.

The Commission members discussed events for the coming events and they are as follows:

- a. July – Greater Rochester Camera Club Show
- b. August – LGBTQ History Month Exhibit

Mr. Pacht recited a poem written today, 6/21/2023, named “Persons I view”

A Dribble is a piece of prose that is not more than 50 words long.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Derochers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Ms. Lejune seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.