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Arts and Culture Commission

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MINUTES

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Approved on Thursday, March 20, 2014

City Council Conference Room
31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

**see notes at end*

Present

Martha Fowler
Peter Ejarque
Cristina Dorvillier
Mike Provost
Matthew Wyatt
Elaine Lauterborn
Michelle Mears Staff support for Arts and Culture
Commission

Absent

Patricia O'Brien

Guest

Susan Page from Rochester Opera House
Amy Regan MFA Board of Directors

I. Call to Order

Matt Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7: 10 pm.

- II. **Approval of minutes** – The Commission will be approving the August 15, 2013 meeting minutes.

III. Status of membership (Withdrawn members)

Ms. Lauterborn is the newest member of the Arts and Culture Commission to represent the City Council appointed by the Mayor. All the members thanked Ms. Lauterborn for joining the Commission. The staff from the City sent out an email to members that have been absent from the Commission for a number of meetings. Peg Johnson submitted a resignation letter from the Commission.

IV. Election of new Chair

There was a motion made by Mr. Provost and seconded by Ms. Fowler for Matt Wyatt to continue being the Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission all were in favor. It was approved unanimously. The members thanked Mr. Wyatt for reconsidering being the Chair of the Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Wyatt and seconded by Ms. Lauterborn for Ms. Dorvillier to be the Vice Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission all were in favor. There was a discussion to find someone from the school to serve on the Commission.

V. What is happening around Rochester?

Sunday, March 16-April 7 - Rochester's "Munch Madness" Tournament of Restaurants...Dine Out and Vote! Currently there are over 23 restaurants signed up for this Main Street will be using Survey Monkey to compete and QR codes. Rochester is now a part of Seacoast buy local now Rochester will be able to participate in events such Plaid Friday. Main Street finished is Historical Highlights of Downtown walking tour which is a 90 minute self guided tour. Art Esprit Musical Chairs Fundraiser at the Rochester Community Center will be on Saturday, April 5 - 1-3 pm. Main Street is working with businesses to create a permanent art installation in downtown as a gateway into the City by Nate Walker who created the Giant Blue Crab at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. The 2nd Annual Greater Rochester Author's Fair is at the Rochester Public Library on Saturday April 26 from 10:15 am until 2:30 pm. The NH State Council on the Arts is sponsoring Factory Court Central Square this summer. Main Street will also be having Zoo encounter and teddy bear picnic in the park this summer. Saturday, May 3 - National Free Comic Book Day, 10 am to 4 pm, downtown Rochester. This summer there will be group yoga at the Commons on Thursdays. The Historical Society will be hosting an oil painting restoration speaker.

Rochester Museum of Fine Arts was proud to present selections from Picasso Estate Collection the exhibit will be February 1st concluding on March 29th. The Upcoming Films at the Rochester Opera House include: Everyone's Going to Die on June 7th at 8 pm, The Time Machine on June 7th at 7 pm. The Governors Inn is showing the Murder Mystery which is sold out. They are also working on summer music series.

Historical Archeological Digs from the Isles of Shoals will be upcoming with the Historical Society.

Rochester Opera House Upcoming Events: R-Rated Hypnotist Frank Santos Jr., Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Diary of Anne Frank, Celtic Nights, Hamlet, Brooks Young Band, Dance Northeast, Wizard of Oz, The Lottery Night Cocktail Party, Bin Jon Jersey, Motor City Fever, Strafford Wind Symphony, Freckleface Strawberry, and Sole City Dance Annual Concert. Summer theater camp for 4-7 will be happening this summer.

VI. Goals for Next meeting (assign task)

The second Annual Achievement in the Arts award will take place on August 11, 2014. The commission discussed the need to get public support for this year (last year it was completed in a month). The Commission needs to think about what categories we want to have for the awards. Here is the list of last year categories: literary, artisan, movement, theater, visual arts, dining, music, and lifetime achievement award. Also be thinking of potential nominees for these categories.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Provost made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. Lauterborn all were in favor.

*******Next meeting is March 20, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Mears