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Minutes

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Thursday January 16, 2020 at 7 pm
Cocheco Room
33 Wakefield Street

**Arts and Culture
Commission**

Matt Wyatt (Chair)
Liz Tonkins-Agea
(Vice Chair)
Elaine Lauterborn
Amy Regan
Katie Hogan O'Connor,
Poet Laureate
Bianca Nicole Mireles
Tim Murray
Kris Ebbeson

Present Arts and Culture Commission Members

Matt Wyatt (Chair)
Liz Tonkins-Agea (Vice Chair)
Amy Regan
Katie Hogan O'Connor, Poet Laureate
Palana Belken (City Council Elect 2020)

Absent

Bianca Nicole Mireles

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. Approval of minutes December 19, 2019

Ms. Ebbeson motioned to approve the December 19, 2019 meeting minutes and Mrs. Regan seconded.

III. Performance/event application draft

Tabled until next meeting. The City Manager's office has a Special Event permit application. The Licensing Board reviews the Special Events application. There are regulations regarding performances on public ways and streets that need to be updated. Mrs. Duclos will be working on a performance and event application for the Commission to be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

IV. Rochester 300th anniversary-2022

Mr. Wyatt has talked to the former Main Street Director about planning for a Tricentennial event. He suggested that this be open to the community for a patriotic event. There needs to be a website for the event. This event could really bring the community together. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the draft outline for the Rochester Tricentennial in 2022. Mr. Wyatt asked who would be on the steering committee appointed by the Mayor. Mrs. Mears has asked finance about funding for

a yearlong celebration. It would require seed money to start. Mr. Wyatt is concerned about requesting funds from City Council without a well thought out plan for the celebration. There was no vote regarding request for funds. Mrs. Mears went over the draft agenda and asked for ACC members to review and comment for the next meeting. This is a working document and needs to be reviewed by various boards and commissions within the city.

V. Murals Update

Mrs. Mears gave an update that the City will be meeting to discuss mural language and signage. Bianca is working with the Salvation Army to get permission for two murals. The process right now would be a sign permit application.

VI. Website Updates

Mr. Wyatt gave an update on the City website. Mr. Wyatt will need biographies for the new members. John Gsis has allowed the ACC to put his photos on the website. If anyone has other suggestions for the website let Mr. Wyatt know.

VII. What is happening in Rochester

Mrs. Tonkins-Agea discussed Granite State Choral Society and all Broadway Director. She mentioned that on Valentine's Day there will be free BINGO donations accepted.

Mr. Wyatt stated the Full Monty at the Opera House has been a great event. There is a new sound system at the Rochester Opera House. The Rochester Opera House has been upgrading infrastructure over the last few years. RMFA installed a hanging rail at the Community Center. The RMFA is working on a Gorilla Art public space. The Community Center will also be upgrading the color scheme in the hallway. RMFA hopes to have a new art collection every year. There is a temporary exhibit at the Hoffman building the opening reception is next Thursday. The Rochester Museum of Fine Arts is proud to present a window art installation by Josh Dannin. The installation is on view in the windows of the long-vacant Hoffman Furniture building, in downtown Rochester. The project was completed on Saturday, January 11, 2020. Visit www.joshdannin.com to learn more about the artist. A public reception will take place at the Rochester Performance & Arts Center (RPAC) on Thursday, January 23 from 6-8pm. There were over 50 people in attendance for the exhibit with Studley's. This was an art exhibition featuring the original work by floral designers utilizing a variety of design techniques. The Rochester Opera House is now Recovery Friendly Workplace.

Ms. Ebbeson discussed storytelling at Riverstone's Right Between the Ears Storytelling at RiverStones Custom Framing. Tina had us all laughing at her Desert Tales. Remember, this a monthly event held on the 2nd Friday of each month from November through June. The Franklin Gallery at RiverStones Custom Framing, 33 N. Main Street in Rochester, will host an exhibit during the month of February featuring the work of Forrest Falcey. The Franklin Gallery will also be hosting paint night next month and on January 22.

There was also a discussion about having an artist laureate for the Arts and Culture Commission. Mr. Wyatt brought this idea to the Commission. This position could help create public art projects.

VIII. Adjournment

There was a motion by Mrs. Ebbeson and Mrs. Regan to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm