

**Somers Point Arts Commission Meeting – January 23, 2017**  
**Somers Point City Hall Council Chambers – 6:00pm**

Meeting Called to Order 6:04pm; Open Public Meeting statement read by Kathy

**In Attendance** – Kathy Arleth, Kimberly Bray, Lois Gregory, Mark Shockley, Christine Toland Ulrich  
City Council liaison- Kirk Gerety; In the audience - Karen Sutherland as possible commission member

**Commission 2017 Re-Org** – Anna Swift, approved by Council as new member; Kathy nominated and approved as Chair; Donna nominated and approved as Vice-Chair; Lois nominated and approved as Secretary

**Approval of minutes** of November 28, 2016 – Kim made the motion, Christine seconded, motion carried

**Business**

1. Kathy read letter of interest from Karen Sutherland to become a Commission member. Lois made the motion to accept; Mark seconded; motion carried. Kirk will take to Council for final approval. Karen was then invited to join this meeting in a non-voting capacity.
2. **Financial report** -Trust fund- \$10,053.28; City fund- \$0; *NJSCA* Grant =\$0, \$1400 awarded
3. **NJSCA Grant**– Final Report delivered 12/28/16; new requirement for 2017 is a photo release form.
4. **Funding Update:** Applications for 2017 Program and Projects funding sent
  - AtlantiCare Healing Arts (\$1000 approved); SPBA (\$1000 approved)
  - Requests sent to Sturdy Savings & OceanFirst but no response to date
  - TD Bank will be sent; Foundation for Education – Kathy to make the request at their meeting 1/31/17.
5. **Arts Commission Program/Projects /Events for 2017**
  - **Arts Reach Out: Program for children (after school) & seniors**
    - Christine O'Brien reappointed as the instructor; started 1/23 and will extend through early May. See attachment for schedule.
  - **Love the Arts:** February 26, 2017, 3-5 pm at GBCC – Committee: Kathy, Kimberly, Lois, Donna, Christine has been meeting regularly; invites going out via Facebook, e-mailed Evite, letters.
    - Kathy meeting with GBCC 2/17 for updates
  - **Poetry program “Writing Poetry Your Way”** – To begin 2/6 and led by Maria Provenzano
    - 8 sessions through the CER program at Jordan Rd. School; Mondays 6:30-8:00.
  - **Spring Evening of Spoken Words & Music:** April 5, 2017, 7-9 pm at GBCC
    - Christine, Kathy; partnering w/ SJ Poets’ Collective & South Jersey Jazz Society
    - No buffet will be offered. Food can be ordered independently.
  - **Painting DOT Boxes:** Partnering w/ Green Thumb Garden Club & local artists
    - Kathy Meeting w/ GTGC, March 7, 7pm; will partner artist & garden club member
    - 12 boxes; Painting to be done May/June
  - **Art in the Park:** June 17, 2017
    - Rec Commission Permit presented 1/19/17 but was tabled; incorrect assumption that Council had not approved the event. Kirk will clear up misconception for next Rec. board meeting since it was approved 11/10/16- Res. 201-2016.
6. **Other business**
  - Arts Commission possible new members:
    - Cindy Hesley (McAllister the Service Company) sent a letter of interest and was invited to attend this meeting (did not). She works in Somers Point, but is not a resident. Her expertise is in marketing.
    - Lois indicated Chuck/Debbi Westcott, SP residents, have also expressed interest. Kathy will follow up with an email asking for their letters of interest.
  - Quote for an “Arts” Somers Point branding logo from Suasion: \$300; members agreed not to pursue.
  - Letter from Nick Regine, Event Coordinator for SPBA, re: sponsorship/support for a new weekend event *April in Paris*, April 7-9. Since it includes the arts and is a mechanism driving people/interest to SP, motion was made by K. Bray to partner with them at \$600. Christine seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:16pm - **Next Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2017 – 6 PM City Hall Council Chambers**