

## Somers Point Arts Commission Meeting – November 27, 2017 – Minutes – Somers Point City Hall

Meeting Called to Order 6:00pm; Open Public Meeting statement read by Kathy

Members – Kathy Arleth, Kimberly Bray, Lois Gregory, Donna Mohr, Mark Shockley, Karen Sutherland, Ginny Swift

Approval of minutes of October 23, 2017: Donna made the motion, Karen seconded, motion carried

Business

1. Financial report – Balance - Trust fund as of 11/20 \$7426.07 –City fund – 0 Grant fund -0  
- two outstanding bills for 2017 – Current ad @ \$283 (pending signed PO); membership for SJS @ \$250 (submitted)
2. 2017 Programs, Projects, Events
  - Beautifying Boxes  
- Letter from NJDOT was negative for approval; Wes will compile a letter addressing their concerns.
3. Requests to funding sources for 2018
  - Foundation/Ed & SPBA responded with funding; letters sent to AtlantiCare Healing Arts & OceanFirst Marketing no response to date; to be sent to Sturdy Bank
  - New contacts to follow up - AMI Foundation; Darcy, Johnson, Day (DJD)Law Firm, Dollar General Foundation
  - Atlantic County Cultural & Heritage Affairs  
- Feedback received on our 2018 application; there are additional planning forms for ADA & Accessibility accountability; Wes will examine the paperwork/forms to assist with planning ADA; planning forms due 90 days after notice of grant award; End of Year 2017 report due by 12/31/17; NJSCA logo and wording must be included in all promotions
  - Arts Commission will submit request of \$2500 to Council for 2018 budget.
  - Members discussed as a goal to expand public arts projects & participation - discussed possible locations for murals (schools, firehouse, side of Circle Liquor as an entry to SP from OC; hospital owned property). Members to form a list of possibilities.
4. Programs, Projects, Events 2018
  - **Arts Reach Out** –additional requirements include a permit for school facility use and a new background check For Christine O’Brien @\$65; Sessions to begin 1/22/18
  - **Love the Arts – Feb. 25, 2018**–Committee met 11/6; next meeting 12/4-10:30 @Lois’
  - **Poet Laureate- Writing Poetry Your Way** program 2/5/18–4/2/18; adv. & promote; Kathy meets with Maria 12/9
  - **Spring Evening Spoken Words/April in Paris Week - Wednesday, April 11;** @ GBCC Park Room; French Café atmosphere; Light buffet to be served, Music; Call for Poets –Dec/Jan; Kathy will contact Emari DiGeorgio , Stockton professor, for help in organizing poets
  - **Art in the Park – June 16, 2018** – Committee - Kathy, Lois, Karen, Donna – December meeting to review recap comments – get brochure out asap; Kennedy Park permit approved by Rec. Bd. 11/2/17
  - **Film Fest** – October date with details to be determined
5. Arts Commission sponsorship for April in Paris 4/11-4/15; discussed and motion made by Lois to sponsor @\$500, Mark seconded, motion carried.
6. Promo –Donna – Postcard Handouts being worked on for 2018 events
7. 2018 Membership in organizations:
  - SPBA 2018 membership paid; SJS membership submitted 11/22/17
  - Received membership paperwork from South Jersey Cultural Alliance (\$75) which lists the benefits – Discussion followed and Lois will scan and send the information for review; Lois made the motion to accept membership pending the review and email vote, Kimberly seconded, motion carried.
8. Commission members for 2018
  - Please confirm with Kathy your desire to serve in 2018; needed for submission to Mayor for Reorganization Meeting 1/5/18
  - Due to work constraints, Debi Westcott has indicated she cannot serve in 2018.
9. Annual Appeal – continue discussion in 2018 to make a decision

No Public Comment - Meeting Adjourned 7:03

**NO DECEMBER MTG. DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

**Next regular meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday –January 22, 2017 - 6pm - City Hall Council Room**