

Somers Point Arts Commission Meeting – July 24, 2017 – Somers Point City Hall

Meeting Called to Order 6:02pm; Open Public Meeting statement read by Kathy

Attending: Kathy Arleth, Lois Gregory, Donna Mohr, Ginny Swift, Christine Toland Ulrich

Council Member Liaison: Kirk Gerety

Approval of minutes of June 26, 2017. Donna made the motion, Christine seconded, motion carried

Business

1. Financial report: Balances - Trust fund = \$8732.11; City fund = \$74.48; Grant fund = \$0
2. Amending the Ordinance for the Arts Commission: Ordinance change 1st reading @ Council 7/27; 2nd reading at the August meeting.
3. TD Bank – Kathy received an official letter of denial for funding
4. 2017 Programs, Projects, Events
 - **Foodie Film Festival:** October 6 & 7 at GBCC - Committee & meeting date TBD
 - Films: *Chocolat* (PG-13, 2000) and *Like Water for Chocolate* (R, 1992, Sp with Eng. Subtitles)
 - Meeting to be set with Megan Elbana for venue/food details; Need poster design; ad(s) in media
 - Discussion re: cost/tix vs. donation –request \$5 cover charge at the door.
 - **Painting DOT Boxes**
 - Kirk indicated we have permission for any belonging to the city – along Bay Ave., @ Groveland & Bethel, some by Circle Liquor; no ID found on Atl. County boxes so could be additional.
 - Any ID present on a box must remain visible
 - Fall date suggested - Members of the GTGC with artists (Kathy, Ginny, Donna, others); floral designs
 - 3 gal metal primer available; stored at Public Works
 - **Poet Laureate meeting** - Kathy meeting Maria 7/25 at 10am to review programs 2017 & 2018
 - **Senior Art Experiences** - @ Senior Center with Christine O'Brien; 12 in attendance thus far.
5. 2018 Programs Funding for 2018:
 - NJSCA due 9/6/17; Donna & Kathy working on list of Programs & Budget
 - Programs will be presented to SPAC for approval then sent to City Council by October for their approval
 - Begin sending applications to possible funding sources for 2018 in late October; need ideas for new funding sources
6. Programs, Projects, Events for 2018
 - **Love the Arts** – Feb. 26, 2018 – Committee needed; meetings to start in November
 - **Art in the Park** – June 16, 2018 – Kathy, Lois, Debi, Karen, Donna
 - Once given City approval of our programs, then proceed to obtain park permit
7. Request for an ad to support the OceanFirst Jazz @The Point Festival for South Jersey Jazz Society
 - We will take a ½ page ad; must be ready to submit by Sept. 15
8. Senior Social at SMC - Kathy gave Power Point Presentation, *Somers Point is Growing in the Arts*, 7/19/17
9. Communication from Margie Barham re: art for hospice; meeting to be scheduled
10. 2018 Membership in organization
 - South Jersey Jazz Society - \$250, approved at the June 26 meeting
 - Additional for future consideration: Art Pride NJ organization (\$100); SJ Cultural Alliance (\$75);
11. Stockton Intern - meeting to be arranged this summer for further details
12. Artistic Guidelines for new construction - suggestion made that we develop something
13. The City is creating an agreement with The Gateway Playhouse regarding use by other groups. This large venue could be an option for some of our events in the future.
14. Kathy/Lois will set up the commission with a gmail account. Pending availability SPArts was suggested.
15. Good Old Days – SPBA will have a table and is collecting 100 promotional items from members to stuff give-away bags. Arts Commission flyer to be created.

Next regular meeting – 4th Monday –August 28, 2017 - 6pm City Hall Council Room