

Somers Point Arts Commission Meeting – March 27, 2017

Somers Point City Hall Council Chambers

Meeting Called to Order 6:08pm; Open Public Meeting statement read by Kathy

In Attendance: Kathy Arleth, Lois Gregory, Karen Sutherland, Ginny Swift, Debra Westcott via conference call.

Council Member liaison: Kirk Gerety

Approval of minutes of February 27, 2017. Karen made the motion; Ginny seconded; motion carried

Resolution passed to appoint Debra Westcott

Business

1. Financial report – Trust fund: Bal. 3/22/17- 10,570.42; City fund – 0 Grant fund – 0
2. NJSCA Grant– Voucher signed at Atlantic County Lib. Mays Landing - March 7, 2017
3. New Jersey Creative Placemakers (NJCP) - A new network consortium for people desiring to make Jersey communities better through arts and culture; <http://creativeplacemaking.blogspot.com/>
 - **Creative Place Making** meetings;
 - April 24 - Kramer Hall Hammonton, 6pm; Karen will confirm her attendance.
 - May 5 Leadership Summit in Newark NJ
4. Applications for 2017 Program and Projects funding
 - OceanFirst: Has been sent; final review - 4/26/17
 - TD Bank: Requested (1) program (*Arts Reach Out*) \$2500 (2) event (Art in the Park) \$5000
5. Amending the Ordinance for the Arts Commission: Discussion
 - Change # of members from 10 to 9
 - Set # of non-voting members as advisory (those with a particular skill or interest but not residents or taxpayers)
6. 501c3: City solicitor says we are eligible
7. Request for support from REV Theatre Company, Philadelphia, to present Hamlet at Kennedy Park; Cost would be \$2000 sponsorship; REV will contact Arts Commission for 2018
8. 2017 Programs, Projects, Events
 - **Arts Reach Out** – After-school children – Hang work for clothesline display at Art/Park
 - Seniors schedule to be out by May through CER
 - Poetry program - "**Writing Poetry Your Way**"– Maria created survey for participants; Generally 10-12 attending
 - **Love the Arts** - February 26, 2017, 3-5 pm at GBCC
 - Expenses = \$1505; Income = \$710
 - Post event photo was in Press of AC – SPBA presentation of check.
 - **Spring Evening of Spoken Words & Music – April 5, 2017 – 7-9 pm at GBCC** - Committee: Christine , Kathy
 - Publicity/PR via flyer and notices in Facebook/Press of AC
 - Lois is working on the program
 - Need 2 members to assist at the event
 - **Painting DOT Boxes** – Dates TBD
 - 12 Members of the GTGC signed up
 - Kathy/Kirk examined locations & need for primer; Supplies to be ordered
 - Need additional artists; Ginny will ask her contacts
 - **Art in the Park – June 17, 2017** – Committee members: Kathy, Donna, Lois, Deb, Karen
 - Kathy will set up the first meeting in mid-April
 - Lois working on updating artists applications; to be sent to organizations, city website, via news releases; etc.
 - Food Trucks – \$50 charge; Deb will make contacts
 - **Foodie Film Festival – October 5-6-7** if available at GBCC; meeting with Megan Elbana to be set up
9. Other business
 - Possible membership in Art Pride NJ organization; SJ Cultural Alliance
 - Stockton intern a possibility
 - April 11 Integrated Arts Festival at Dawes Ave. School; an arts initiative program of the Foundation for Ed.
 - New community group, Somers Point Community First, heading up initiatives to beautiful the four corners of Rt. 52 at the bridge and the city in general. Possible help for projects/events.

Meeting adjourned 7:08pm; **Next regular meeting – 4th Monday – April 24, 2017, 6pm, City Hall Council Room**