

Somers Point Arts Commission Meeting – April 24, 2017
Somers Point City Hall Council Chambers

Meeting Called to Order 6:05pm; Open Public Meeting statement read by Kathy

In Attendance: Kathy Arleth, Kimberly Bray, Lois Gregory, Donna Mohr, Mark Shockley, Ginny Swift, Christine Toland Ulrich
Council Member liaison: Kirk Gerety

Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2017: Donna made the motion, Kimberly seconded, motion carried

Business

1. Financial report – Trust fund Bal. as of 4/18/17 = \$9323.41; No monies received to date for City or Grant funds
2. Cultural Place Making Meeting - Kramer Hall Hammonton 4/24/17 – Karen Sutherland attending as Arts Commission representative
 - Additional Meeting in Newark, NJ, May 5: Representatives from Somers Point that have been invited include the Gateway Theatre, SJ Jazz Society, SP EDAC, SP Arts Commission
3. Applications for 2017 Program and Projects funding
 - OceanFirst – Although no funds granted from the Ocean First Foundation we are to receive \$1000 from Marketing through Chick Pinto/OceanFirst VP
 - TD Bank – (1) program (*Arts Reach Out*) \$2500 (2) event (Art in the Park) \$5000 – no reply to date
4. Amending the Ordinance for the Arts Commission
 - Change # of voting, resident members from 10 to 9 – Mark made the motion, Lois seconded, motion carried
 - Add two non-voting members who have particular skill/expertise. No requirement to be residents/taxpayers. Donna made the motion, Kim seconded, motion carried
 - Allow for action approval upon a majority vote of all regular members present when there is a quorum. Donna made the motion, Ginny seconded, motion carried
5. Becoming a 501c3 – Jim Franklin, City Solicitor proposal: Discussion determined we need more information for the pros/cons before vote can be taken.
6. 2017 Programs, Projects, Events
 - **Arts Reach Out** – After-school children’s program winding down; art work will be displayed at Art in the Park
 - Seniors schedule, 4-sessions, tentatively set for July; promotion to be out by May through CER
 - **Spring Evening of Spoken Words & Music** – April 5, 2017 - Recap
 - WHYY/State of the Arts filmed featured poet and program will be aired April 30 at 11 am; NJTV at 8pm
 - Expenses: \$520 to GBCC; \$300 to poet performers & music - Income: \$72 @the door; \$50 reimbursement
 - Consider a more accessible venue for next year
 - **Poetry Sessions**
 - Evening/adult sessions completed April 3; positive responses; Recommended for 2018; consider asking them to participate in Spring Evening of Spoken Word 2018
 - Seventh grade Jordan Rd. workshop held April 12
 - **Painting DOT Boxes** – Members of the GTGC signed up. Supplies to be ordered. Need artists
 - **Art in the Park – June 17, 2017** – Kathy, Lois, Debi, Karen, Donna
 - First committee meeting held April 11; next mtg. April 25
 - Artists’ applications completed and being distributed; News releases/Ads seeking artists will be out soon
 - **Foodie Film Festival** – TBD though October 5-6-7 being considered; Meeting with Megan Elbana/ GBCC to secure dates
7. Other business
 - Membership in organizations:
 - Art Pride NJ organization (predominance North Jersey) \$100; South Jersey Cultural Alliance \$100
 - Possible South Jersey Jazz Society partnership would give us more marketing/promotion options
 - No vote taken pending further discussion.
 - Stockton Intern possibility: Kathy in discussion with Mark Mallett, professor from Stockton Univ., to see what options could be available.

Meeting adjourned 7:16pm; **Next regular meeting: May 22, 6pm, City Hall**