

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION

The Regular Commission Meeting
October 14, 2015; 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

Joanne Bandoni	Jennifer Helner	Elizabeth Oliver
Ellen Bennett, exc;	Mark Kassa	Sue Taylor
Lesa Buckland	Linda Liedel	

Others & Guest Introductions:

Staff: Abbey Wright-Geddes, Erin Maten, Liz Carter

Guests: Nancy Darga, Northville City Council liaison, Joanne Rochon, Exhibits Chair; Julie Woodard, art instructor.

Call to order: 7: 05.pm. Establish quorum

Approval of Minutes: For August 12 + September 9, 2015 minutes. First - Joanne B; seconded- Lesa B; Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Officer Reports

Chairperson- Sue introduced Joanne Rochan, our volunteer Exhibit Chairperson; Joanne informed Commissioners of a new project to develop Hawthorne Country Club property in Westland as a centralized art venue. Well known sculptor, Don Wakefield is involved and Joanne and Paul Rochan have been asked to join the volunteer initial creative committee. Ultimate goal is to connect the Detroit and suburban art scene.

Financials

Revenue as of 9/30/15 is \$7,212; expenses are \$20,299.48 resulting in a negative balance of \$13,028.29 for the first quarter. Though it is anticipated that revenue will exceed expenses by end of fiscal year due to timing of our major fundraiser, emphasis needs to be placed on revenue generation through classes, events and grants. There will be a budget update at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Exhibits (next meeting October 21, 7 pm):

“Small Works”, the new exhibit and sale will be through the November and December first Fridays. Our Basket raffle and silent art auction will also occur during this time.

Fundraising/Events:

Basket Raffle – donations & ticket sales- donations are less this year. Possibly this may be the last year for the basket raffle. Our business appreciation party for those businesses who contributed to our baskets will be Nov. 10, from 5 to 7 pm. All Commissioners are requested to attend this event if possible.

Bylaws Committee (Linda, Lesa, Sue, Abbey):

This committee will meet after Nov. 6th.

Other Business:

501C3 Board Update/Annual Member Meeting:

Our annual Member meeting will probably be held the second week of February during our Member Exhibit, with emphasis on our "Giving Tree". There was also discussion of adding a second event for our members; possibly a preview party for our \$100+ patrons during our West of Center exhibit; include City officials and possibly ask a well-known personality to help promote (Chuck Gaidica?).

Administrative Report & Store update - Abbey and Erin :

Art Wear Detroit Urban Design has requested to have a "trunk show" at the Art House on Small Business Saturday, November 28th. Jewelry and accessories designed by local artists will be featured.

Store Manager has also investigated having aprons with original designs from our Art House art instructors for sale and special events. Staff to finalize details on this merchandise.

Volunteers needed for an Art House booth during Northville's Halloween Trick or Treat event on Oct. 24 (10am to 12 noon).

Adjournment: 8:47 p.m.

Announcements

*Next NAC Meeting: November 11, 2015

*Volunteer Needs: First Friday, November 6

Food/Drink: Lesa Buckland

5:30-7:30 (Set up): Liz O; Linda L;

7:30-9:30 (Clean up & **Lock up**): Liz C; Linda L.

Girl's Night Out, Friday, November 13

5:30-7:30 (Set up): Mark K

7:30-9:30 (Clean up & Lock up): Joanne B., Mark K; Kurt M; John C.

Minutes approved November 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth S. Oliver