

# Northville Arts Commission

## The Regular Commission Meeting

March 14, 2012

**Call: Present:** Jeff Cancelosi, Gerry Culpepper, Mark Kassa, Liz Oliver, Sharon Rossow, Mary Step, Sue Taylor

**Guests:** Nancy Darga, Joan Potter Thomas, Carla Morabito

**Call to Order:** 7:10 p.m.; A quorum was established

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Gerry Culpepper, seconded by Jeff Cancelosi then voted unanimously that the February regular meeting minutes be approved.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Chairperson–** Sue Taylor

For the lack of press, the turnout was very good for the February Exhibit, possibly due to the artists' networks. Sharon Rossow and Mary Step have committed as volunteers for the April 6 First Friday

**Treasurer–** Gerry Culpepper

As of February 31, the ending fund balance was 69,535 representing cash available for future expenditures, however we've spent more than we've taken in this fiscal year by \$2,825. 2013 Proposed Budget has been set up in a very conservative fashion. In the subsequent years a shortfall has been predicted; therefore increased revenue would be needed to offset future shortfalls. It was moved by Sue Taylor seconded by Jeff Cancelosi then voted unanimously for the approval of the 2013 Proposed Budget.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Exhibit–** Ellen Bennett, Jeff Cancelosi

We need volunteers for a good July wall paint job while nothing is on the walls. Sponsors for exhibits or in general would help increase our budget. If a person or business wants to sponsor a First Friday Exhibit, \$250 is the targeted dollar amount. With 2-3 months advanced notice, they will receive sponsorship recognition through the Art House sign, newsletter and press release.

### **Other Business:**

This year's Art from the Attic was less profitable than last year's, not to mention more work. In the event of a subsequent Art from the Attic certain variables will have to be adjusted to make it more successful. An appraisal clinic remains a fundraiser option for May. A letter to PTO to fund Student Art Show could help in offsetting our costs to run that exhibit. Contacting DDA's Lori Ward this Spring to obtain sufficient signage on Main Street would help our exposure in downtown Northville. The notion for a more up-to-date strategic plan has been suggested by Sue Taylor, thus redefining our role in the community. The new plan should clarify our vision before moving forward. Some examples of future issues are:

Do we want an elevator for handicap accessibility purposes?

Are our hours of operation sufficient for the future?

What is our relationship with the other organizations in Northville such as Chamber of Commerce, DDA, other art business?

Do we set up an endowment?

**Adjournment:** 8:31 p.m.

**Announcements**

-Next NAC Meetings: April 11, May 9

-First Friday volunteer sign up (Set-up by 5:30 p.m.)

May 4, Student Show/Reflections (PTO)

June 1, West of Center

July- No exhibit (Unless gallery is rented for a private show)

August 3- Michigan Surface Design (Fiber Design)

September 7- Mosaic Show/Auction

October 5- Vote for Me (Artists' response to upcoming election)

November 2- Holiday exhibit