

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION
The Regular Commission Meeting
May 9, 2007; 7:00 p.m.
ART HOUSE

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Alexis O'Connor, Sharon Rossow, Andrzej Sikora, Mary Step, Kathleen Tabaczynski, Sue Taylor, Katherine Wickersham

Others Present: Ellen Bennett, Jeff Cancelosi, Dominique Moroz, George Moroz

Commissioners Absent: Arlene Catrett, Kim Dawson, Galina Koriduzki, Gerardo Macias-Garcia, Eric Novack (all excused); Darcel Deneau (unexcused)

Call to order: 7:15 p.m.

Commissioner O'Connor notified NAC that Evonne Simoff had resigned earlier in the month.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Kathleen and seconded by Sharon Rossow that the April minutes be approved.

Financial Report: Kathleen Tabaczynski

Parks & Recreation Report: Traci Sincock will be our point of contact until Nicole returns from maternity leave.

Committee Reports:

Exhibit Committee Report (Ellen Bennett)
Volunteer/Supply needs discussed.

Programming Report (Sharon Rossow)

Michael Farrell lectures have been very popular and Michael has agreed to offer lectures from September 2007 through May 2008. Lectures will continue to be the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 with the exception of November, which will be the second Wednesday. There will be no lecture in December 2007.

Store Update (Katherine Wickersham)

Katherine introduced the Store's new manager, Melissa Asher, a recent graduate of Grand Valley College with a degree in fine art. Melissa set up the Store's new computer program and has retail experience. Katherine will be training her for two months and Melissa will take over as Store Manager in July.

New Business:

By-laws review

Due to the high rate of non-attendance and non-participation by some Commissioners, NAC by-laws were reviewed and amended. (Changes/additions in **bold** print.)

1. Kathleen motioned; Alexis seconded (unanimous approval to amend)

Article VI: Removal of Officers **and Commissioners**

Section 1: Removal of officers shall be by not less than a **majority** vote

of the entire membership of the commission **present at the meeting.**
Voting shall be by secret ballot **after open discussion.** **Any vote of removal will be preceded by notification to the officer.**

2. Kathleen motioned; Alexis seconded (unanimous approval to amend)

Article VI:

Section 2: Removal of Commissioners shall be by not less than a majority vote of the entire membership of the Commission present at the meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot after open discussion. Any vote of removal will be preceded by notification to the Commissioner.

3. Kathleen motioned; Katherine seconded (unanimous approval to amend)

Article IV:

Section 7: If a Commissioner is unable to attend a meeting he/she must notify the **Secretary or** Chairperson in advance. **Three or more absences** in a calendar year **gives the Commission the option to recommend a vote of removal.**

4. Katherine motioned; Sharon seconded (unanimous approval to amend)

Article III:

Section 5: During the term of office, each member of the Commission is expected to play a significant role on the Commission—as an officer, a project coordinator or a major contributor to several projects. **Non-participation gives the Commission the option to recommend a vote of removal.**

5. Kathleen motioned; Sharon seconded (unanimous approval to adopt)
NAC is recommending to City Council that Eric Novack be removed as a Commissioner on grounds of nonparticipation and excessive absences (6) since August. Mr. Novack has been contacted twice regarding participation.

Current staffing needs (Kathleen Tabaczynski)

A job description and need for an Arts Programmer was discussed. Posting for position will be made after feedback from attending Commissioners.

The Executive Committee will recommend Dominique Moroz as Commissioner to replace Eric Novack.

Announcements

Nicole had a little boy; we will be collecting any donation you would like to give for a gift certificate for when she returns in July.

NAC Nominations/Elections: July 11, 2007

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Taylor

Sue Taylor, Secretary

Approved: June 13, 2007