

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION
The Regular Commission Meeting
July 11, 2007; 7:00 p.m.
ART HOUSE

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Ellen Bennett, Galina Koriduzki, Dominique Moroz, Alexis O'Connor, Sharon Rossow, Mary Step, Kathleen Tabaczynski, Sue Taylor

Others Present: Melissa Asher (store manager)

Commissioners Absent: Excused -- Gerardo Macias-Garcia, Andrzej Sikora;
Unexcused – Darcel Deneau

Call to order: 7:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Kathleen; seconded by Sharon Rossow and unanimously agreed that the June minutes be approved.

Financial Report: Kathleen Tabaczynski asked that all receipts/revenue through 6/30/07 be turned in as soon as possible so that end of fiscal year reports can be completed. She will work with Sandy to clarify expense and revenue forms to include program names and account numbers.

Recognition of Visitors: Melissa was introduced to Commissioners

Parks & Recreation Report: Nicole returns from maternity leave next week. YEAH!

New Business:

Commissioner Roster Status

Jeff Cancelosi of Northville will be recommended for a Commissioner position.

Eric Novack resigned effective June 18, 2007, due to work commitments. He sent us a very complimentary note and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Sharon Rossow moved and Ellen Bennett seconded that Darcel Deneau be removed as a Commissioner due to lack of participation. This motion was unanimously approved.

NAC Officer Nominations/Elections

Suggested slate of officers: Chairperson, Kathleen Tabaczynski; Vice Chairperson, Ellen Bennett; Secretary, Sue Taylor; Treasurer, Galina Koriduzki

Sharon Rossow moved and Ellen Bennett seconded that the suggested slate of officers be accepted. This motion was unanimously approved.

Arts Programmer Update

A final interview was held with 3 candidates before this NAC meeting. A job offer will be made to one of the candidates selected by the five interviewing Commissioners.

Committee Reports:

Art Market

Brunch -- Sharon Rossow and Galina suggested using the park next to Poole's Tavern for our Brunch. They will check into the feasibility of this.

Art Market Fair – Booth spaces are still available so please recruit artists. It was suggested that we put up a booth showcasing store merchandise. Melissa will check into acquiring a tent for this purpose.

Exhibit Committee Report (Ellen Bennett)

Current exhibit with Northville Garden Walk was very well received and we have already been asked to participate with artists for next year's Walk.

Compliments were flowing! (Personal favorites include "a nice gift to the Community" and "Every time I come here, I make a friend; it's so much fun".) Kudos to Ellen Bennett and Mary Step for doing such an amazing job with this exhibit.

Participating artists during the Garden Walk exhibit asked to participate in something similar for the Victorian Festival. Ellen and Mary will coordinate this activity and get a brief write up to the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible.

It was discussed that the Print Show be extended through November's First Friday and that Mike Mullen be asked to perform with the group, *Rise Again*, as entertainment for November's First Friday.

An Exhibit Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Art House for interested members. Next year's schedule will be discussed.

Mary Step advised us that her daughter will be undergoing serious spinal surgery on July 25. Your thoughts and prayers are asked for Mary and her family.

Store Update (Melissa Asher)

The store needs more marketing. Marketing Committee will help with this.

Announcements

Welcome to Dominique Moroz, our newest Commissioner!

August meeting focus: MARKETING!

A Marketing Committee meeting will be held July 16 at 7:00 p.m. to begin discussion of an action plan so that recommendations can be brought to the August meeting. Current committee members include Alexis, Gerardo, Mary, Ellen, Kathleen, Jeff and Melissa.

September First Friday – Visit by Cass City Art Council.

Kathleen will coordinate this visit to Art House for around 4:30 p.m. It was suggested that we ask one or two colored pencil artists to demonstrate that day in coordination with the exhibit.

First Friday Commissioner Volunteer Schedule:

August 3, Arlene Catrett and Sharon Rossow

September 7, Galina Koriduzki

Ann Arbor Art Fair, July 18-July 21 (Pick up business cards!)

Art Market: September 15-16, 2007! Please mark your calendars!

Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.

Approved: August 8, 2007