

Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts

Minutes 7/20/2022

Call to Order - 7:05

Pledge to the Flag

Attendance/Introductions -

Guests: George Long, Trustee Ben Baskin, Trustee Bernadette Van Deinse-Perez, Anne Menkins

Members: Corina Oberai, Ashley Bush, Katie Tiedemann, kate van buren

Approval of the 7/6/22 minutes - Approved; No additions or changes

Old Business/Projects

Mural - Determined that Wiswall park is the preferred location (either wall) for our first mural. Discussion to take 2 parallel approaches: Front Street Deli and Augie's walls.

Planter Art - The Nourish planter was stolen; the Committee decided to replace it at no cost. 2 additional checks were received and planters delivered. George requested a large planter. Corina will hold it at her shop for him to pick up at his convenience. Current # of orders is 12.

Banners - Summer banners are up as of today. The proposed winter project application has not yet been reviewed by the board of trustees; awaiting a side meeting with Mayor Rossi.

Sounds of Summer - Cathy (absent) sent an update. Seeking to schedule sax quartet on August 7th; concert band on August 14th.

Website/Social Media - Ashley is updating photo descriptions

Category/Artist Directory review - Confirmed scope (all included artists must have a presence in 12020); confirmed suggested categories. Invited all members/guests to identify additional artists/art venues by sending them to Ashley/Ann. Discussion - the Committee is open to include all self-declared artists in the directory.

New Business

Application review - no additional applications were submitted for this meeting. The Committee encourages all artists to attend Arts Committee meetings to discuss ideas as desired.

Application solicitation review - Discussed how to be more proactive reaching out to artists to participate and submit project ideas.

New Project discussion - self-submitted photos of doors/entryways. Tabled discussion for next meeting.

New Project discussion - 12020 snowflake hunt Tabled discussion for next meeting.

New Project discussion - Anti-season discussion (e.g., sunshine in January/February) to counter the doldrums.

Budget review - no new expenditures; 2 Planter checks received

Chair's report - no new information

Other -

Regarding Committee charge and annual SA grant applications:

Discussed an option to host a 'call for artists' early in the year and then the committee select one(s) to support with the SA grant.

Concern expressed that we don't want to turn away artists in the process. Additional discussion to follow.

Public Comment - no additional comment

Next Meeting

Next meeting – August 3

7 pm

@ Library Community Room

Adjourn - 8:23

Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts - Mission

To foster and advance artistic and creative efforts in the Village's public spaces in order to enrich and enhance the quality of life in our community.