



**December 18, 2006 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes – to be approved**

In Attendance:

Jennifer Murphy Aubin
Ellen Fineberg
George Friese
M.L. Geffert
Russell Grazier, Chair
Chris Greiner
Marge Hubbard
Blair Hundertmark
Jane James
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson
Mimi White

Absent:

Tom Holbrook

Also:

Sue Cobler

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 7:03pm.

1. Review of Minutes

A motion was made by Jane James, with a second by Mimi White to approve the November 27th minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Leanne Spees reported that following the 11/30/06 budget print out presented to the board, funds were moved from the website marketing budget item to the program administration item to cover the added program administration costs. In addition, the 5K coordinator's contract grant money was received.

3. President's Report

No report.



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4. Coordinator's Report

Sue Cobler reported that the RFP for the Islington Street corridor study was revised again. The study will still be structured in two phases, with the arts district study as the second phase.

Sue also attended a kickoff meeting with Tim Gaudreau, Robin McIntosh, the principal of the Middle School, and two social studies teachers regarding a school-based photography project. Given the number of logistical issues still to be worked out, she determined that Art-Speak would not be playing a role in this project at present.

Finally, Sue reported that she will be applying for a micro-grant (for 1K) through the NH State Council for the Arts for Overnight-Art

5. Task Force Reports

a. American's for the Arts Survey

- i. Russ Grazier reported that the survey events will be wrapped up at the end of the year.
- ii. Chris Greiner reported that the organizational survey component has been completed and Beth has sent a memo to Sue outlining her progress. After some discussion, the board agreed that Beth should formally turn the project entirely over to Sue.

b. Public Art Ordinance Implementation Plan

- i. Jane James reported that the public art committee met to discuss the May forum. The implementation of the percent for art program was also addressed. One goal of this committee is to have some general guidelines in place by the time of the symposium. Jane invited Julie Mento to meet with this committee after January 18.
- ii. Jennifer Murphy Aubin reported that the committee discussed a possible agenda and outline of the forum.
- iii. The next meeting to discuss the symposium will be January 11th. 2-3 volunteers outside of the board will be recruited to help on this committee as well.

c. Live/Work Zoning Ordinances

- i. Russ reported that this committee met with Rick Taintor and the planning department. Rick strongly encouraged the planning board to change some of the language in the zoning documents to suggest possible use (i.e., live/work space) for certain types of zoning.
- ii. This committee requested that the board revisit the discussion of participating in the Federal Home Loan Bank affordable housing



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competition again with the King Weinstein building. This project was seen as a way to provide a live/work space model for the city and community at large. Jane James will review the competition package/application and determine if the board's participation is feasible.

- iii. ML Geffert made a motion to move forward on this application with Jane James' leadership if it fits with Jane's timeline. Chris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

d. Overnight-Art

- i. ML Geffert reported that she met with Sue and laid out some parameters of Overnight-Art. ML stated that she was unable to spearhead this project any longer due to scheduling constraints. She reported that the tentative budget of Overnight-Art is \$13,800 and sponsorships of \$2500 would potentially be solicited for each piece. There was significant board discussion of this event's timeline, with concerns being raised about the following issues:
 - 1. Funding
 - 2. Theme
 - 3. Site location
 - 4. Number of pieces
 - 5. Change of name
 - 6. Including inside and/or outside Art
 - 7. Timing
- ii. Chris Greiner offered to spearhead this project, with George Friese and Jane James pursuing fundraising. Sue will provide logistical support to Chris.

6. Old Business

No old business.

7. New Business

No new business.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, *Secretary*



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Art-Speak, City Cultural Commission Board of Directors (alpha order)

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Mimi White
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*