



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION

**August 27, 2007 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes – approved**

In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg
Russell Grazier, *Chair*
Blair Hundertmark
Chris Greiner
Jane James
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees
Mimi White

Absent:

Jennifer Murphy Aubin
George Friese
Deb Thompson

Also:

Sue Cobler

Russ Grazier began the meeting at 7:07pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The July 23, 2007 minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

2. Task Force Reports

a. Americans for the Arts Survey

- i. Task force will hold weekly meetings through this event
- ii. Russ Grazier asked for unanimous board participation in both days' events:
 - Thursday evening, 5PM reception at Seacoast Rep.
 - Friday morning, 8AM at the EDC meeting
 - Friday morning at 10AM at Stoodley's Tavern

b. Islington Street Study

- i. Jane James reported that the study has been moved back to March. The budget for the overall study has been reduced (but not the Arts Corridor Study) from \$43K.
- ii. Because of the date change of the study, Sue will write the NEA asking for an extension of the grant.

c. Overnight Art

- i. Chris Greiner reported that the committee met and has drafted a sponsorship menu for the project. Menu was distributed to full board for review.



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- ii. The possibility of participating in the Seacoast Local Fair was discussed. It was decided that we did not have sufficient materials to promote the organization or the event and that we ought to wait until we have a proper banner and other promotional materials to participate.

3. Old Business

a. Public Art for Firehouse One

- i. Sue Cobler reported that the artist is working on a model to unveil to the Fire Department and City officials this fall. Russ Grazier suggested that someone from A-S ought to be present at the occasion to show support for the project.

b. African-American Burial Ground Memorial Project

- i. Sue Cobler reported that the committee is starting over. Sue is helping to write the RFP for an artist to join the committee. It was suggested that A-S ought to document the work we put in to this project.

4. New Business

a. Library Public Art

- i. The board talked about the ways by which the \$20K in the Art-Speak trust earmarked for art in the public library might be put to use.

b. Public Art for Firehouse Two

- i. Russ Grazier reported that Firehouse Two has just been bonded, and that it is probably time to set up a meeting with John Bohenko, Nancy Carmer and Bob Sullivan about the deployment of the Percent for Art funds associated with this project.

5. Review of New Action Items

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Meeting notes taken by Chris Greiner



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

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John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*