



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH | CULTURAL COMMISSION

**November 26, 2007 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes**

In Attendance:

Jennifer Murphy Aubin
Ellen Fineberg
Russell Grazier, *Chair*
Chris Greiner
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson
Mimi White

Absent:

Blair Hundertmark
Jane James

Also:

Sue Cobler

Russ Grazier began the meeting at 7:10pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The November 26, 2007 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Leanne Spees presented the board with the budget as of 10/31/07. She reported that there is \$36,857 in the operating budget, which does not yet include the \$5K will be moved out of the trust fund and transferred into the operating budget to reflect the transfer of PSNH grant funds which were allocated to pay for the Arts District study expenses. \$4,774 expenses total. \$Other significant expenses reflected in the budget include the AFTA rollout expenses and the coordinator's contract. [SEE ATTACHMENT A].

Russ, Leanne and Sue will meet to discuss the funding of Sue's contract and will report to the board in January

3. Task Force Reports

a. Islington Street Study

- i. Sue Cobler reported that the meeting for the community occurred at the Library at which there was a presentation of information and photos. Attendees were asked to prioritize wants and needs for the area. At the meeting, information was compiled and synthesized and will be used to complete draft options for the planning department and Art-Speak



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representatives. An in-house meeting with consultants will occur on Thursday, December 20th.

b. Overnight-Art

- i. Chris Greiner reported that the NH State Council for the Arts gave Art-Speak a \$2500 grant towards Overnight-Art. Also, sponsorship packets have been assembled and are available for the board to distribute as needed. The board was encouraged to participate in this fundraising effort.
- ii. The committee will likely meet before the next board meeting to work on the call for artists.

c. Nominating Committee

- i. Jennifer Murphy Aubin reported that an extensive list was created from several meetings of the nominating committee. Jen will assemble a board packet and outline expectations for potential board members.

4. Coordinator's Report

- a. On December 5th, the New Bedford, MA Economic Council will come to Portsmouth to meet with Jane James, Judy Rigmont, Dana Levenson, and Sue Cobler, among others, to discuss Portsmouth's creative economy.
- b. Suzanne Dell Harrison from Arts Vote NH contacted Sue regarding an event on Thursday at the Capitol center for the Arts that will include performances, visits by some of the candidates, etc.
- c. Loraine Tozer of the Acorn Foundation contacted Sue regarding their search for a space to use for their students. Conference Room B in City Hall will be reserved for use by the group.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Mimi White. She is

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, *Secretary*



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