



**Art-Speak**  
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH | CULTURAL COMMISSION

**December 17, 2007 Board Meeting  
Meeting Notes – to be approved**

**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 11/30/07. She reported that there is \$36,857 in the operating budget, which does not yet include the \$5K that reflects the transfer of PSNH grant funds allocated for the Arts District study. These funds will be transferred into the operating budget. Other significant expenses reflected in the budget include the AFTA rollout expenses and the coordinator's contract.

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

**3. Task Force Reports**

**a. Overnight-Art**

- i. Chris reported that fundraising for Overnight Art was underway and the board was asked to follow up with any potential sponsors.
- ii. The committee met to refine the timeline and call to artists. A press release will be sent out to the regional papers by the end of this week. The application for artists will be available on the Art-Speak website on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> with a deadline of February 15 for submissions. Sue will email



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every artist listed in the Art-Speak directory and the board was encouraged to spread the word to as many artists as possible.

**b. Islington Street Study**

- i. Sue reported that the consultants on the Islington Street study are compiling information gathered from a series of meetings with stakeholders. Ellen Fineberg and Sue Cobler will attend the next meeting with city staff at which the consultants will present an update on their progress.

**4. Strategic Plan**

- a. The board was asked to provide feedback on a draft strategic plan. The final version of the plan will be sent to the NCHF by January 21<sup>st</sup> as part of an on-cycle grant application for operating expenses.
- b. A final draft will be circulated via email for a proxy vote.

**5. Board Recruitment**

- a. The nominating committee presented Steve McHenry, Anna Nuttal and Kay Maneen as a slate of nominees
- b. The slate was unanimously approved with a first by Ellen Fineberg and a second by Mimi White

6. A nomination was made to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mimi White. The motion was unanimously approved with a first by Ellen Fineberg and a second by Sheila Shea

**7. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm

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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Russell Grazier, *Chair*  
Christopher Greiner  
Blair Hundertmark  
Jane James  
Sheila Shea  
Deb Thompson, *Secretary*  
Leanne Spees, *Treasurer*  
Mimi White  
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*  
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*