



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION

**March 3, 2008 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes – to be approved**

In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg
Chris Greiner
Jane James
Kay Maneen
Steve McHenry
John McCluggage
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson

Absent:

Jennifer Murphy Aubin
Russell Grazier, *Chair*
Blair Hundertmark
Anna Nuttall
Sheila Shea

Also:

Sue Cobler
Ruth Grey
Charlie Griffin

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 7:10pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The January 28, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved with one change (correct the spelling of John McCluggage's name).

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Leanne Spees presented the board with the budget as of 1/31/08. The operating budget balance remaining is \$29,610. \$540 in donations was added to the trust fund as unrestricted funds. \$431 in interest was also added. \$5000 in NEA grant money was paid out for the Arts District Islington Street Study. Leanne also reported that the 990 form is due on 5/15 and will be available for board review at the next meeting.

3. NHCF Operating Grant Application

Sue Cobler reported that she submitted an on-cycle grant to the NHCF for an Art-Speak operating grant for FY 09. The NHCF has reviewed Art Speak's submitted strategic plan.



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4. Task Force Reports

a. Islington Street Study

- i. Sue reported that recommendations for the Islington Street corridor will be presented to the City Council on March 10th. A public presentation of possible options for the corridor will follow.

b. Overnight Art Winners

- i. Chris Greiner reported that the Overnight Art jury met and reviewed over 30 applications. He presented the board with the six winners:
 1. Jamie Calderwood
 2. Roger Goldenberg
 3. Nathan Walker
 4. Jeanne Givens
 5. Susan Schwake
 6. Jason Probert

c. Overnight Art Fundraising

- i. Leanne Spees reported that the cash in hand for Overnight Art is \$5902.78 with \$3350 in pledges outstanding.
- ii. John McCluggage made a motion with a second by Chris Greiner to send checks to the artists for budgeted fees up to a total of \$7200. Chris amended the motion to consider approval of a 7th project. The amendment failed. The original motion passed unanimously.
- iii. A presentation to the City Council of the winning artists will be scheduled.

5. Action Items:

- The executive council will contact the City Manager to discuss the City's contribution to Art-Speak for next fiscal year
- Leanne Spees will continue to work on the 990 form and will hopefully present the 990 at the next scheduled meeting
- The board was encouraged to attend the Islington street corridor discussion at the City Council chambers.
- Deb Thompson will be the coordinator for the fundraising of Overnight Art. The board was encouraged to send prospects and amounts pledged to Deb.
- A document depicting the Overnight Art projects will be emailed to board members this week.

6. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

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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Deb Thompson, *Secretary*
Leanne Spees, *Treasurer*
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*