



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION
April 28, 2008 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Jennifer Murphy Aubin
Ellen Fineberg
Russell Grazier, *Chair*
Chris Greiner
Jane James
John McCluggage
Steve McHenry
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson

Absent:

Blair Hundertmark
Kay Maneen
Anna Nuttall

Also:

Sue Cobler

Russ Grazier began the meeting at 7:05pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The March 31, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Jane James and second by Jennifer Murphy Aubin.

2. Treasurer's Report

Leanne Spees presented the board with a budget as of 3/31/08. The treasurer's report is attached.

Deb Thompson reported that \$13,125 in pledges have been received for Overnight Art and expenses to date total \$7,177.81.

3. Art Speak Funding for FY09

Sue Cobler reported that she spoke with Selena Adams at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation regarding the operations support grant for which Art-Speak applied. Art-Speak should be notified by the NHCF by mid-June.



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4. Grant Research

Sheila reported that she researched five possible grant opportunities for FY09 operating support. The Fuller Foundation was one of the possible funding sources and Sue Cobler will submit a grant to them, due on June 15. Sheila will continue to work with Sue on this process.

5. Task Force Reports

a. Overnight Art Implementation

- i. Chris Greiner reported that a meeting was held this morning with John Bohenko, City Manger, Len DiSesa, Deputy Chief of Police, Public Works Director Steve Parkinson and Zoning Officer Jason Page as well as Sue Cobler, Russ Grazier, Deb Thompson and Chris to go over logistics of the project. The projects will all be installed at 10am and the press will be notified. Chris also presented the Board with the design of the brochure, reception invitation, and signage for the sites
- ii. A motion was made by Ellen Fineberg to authorize the Overnight Art committee to spend up to \$16,000 on the project. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Overnight Art Educational Component

- i. Sheila Shea reported that she and Anna Nuttall plan to distribute two different packets related to the Overnight Art educational component: one packet to educators and principals and one packet to parents. These packets will be sent to schools spanning geographically between York, Maine to Seabrook, New Hampshire.

c. Nominating Committee

- i. Jennifer Murphy Aubin reported that she met with Blair Hundertmark and Kay Maneen to review the Nominating Committee goals for next year. The committee will create a nominating cycle outlining recruitment of new board members and an ongoing assessment of the Board's needs.

d. Islington Street Corridor Study

- i. No new report.

6. Coordinator's Annual Review

Russ Grazier, Ellen Fineberg, Nancy Carmer, and Sue Cobler will meet to conduct the coordinator's review.

7. Summer Board Meetings

Russ Grazier surveyed the Board regarding the need for two Board meetings this summer. The consensus was to cancel the July meeting.

8. Agreement Renewal form

The Board was presented with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Art-Speak. John McCluggage made a motion with a second by Steve McHenry to accept the MOU. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm



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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*