



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION
January 5, 2009 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg, *Chair*
Russell Grazier
Chris Greiner
Kay Maneen
Anna Nuttall
Steve McHenry
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson

Absent:

Blair Hundertmark
Jane James

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 6:35pm.

1. Presentation by Lisa DeStefano re: Bartlett Street Apartments

- a. Zoned industrial
- b. Need variance for live/work space use
- c. Going to board of adjustment to ask for 5 variances on 1/20.
- d. If approved by boa, go to site plan review, project could start in 2nd quarter of the year.
- e. 60 apartment rentals (16 artist live/work units; 34 2 bedroom units; 10 1 bedroom units); 5 story building, parking

Board discussion:

In concept, Art-Speak approves of mixed use projects that include artist live/work space. A statement will be drafted to be presented at the January 20, 2009 meeting. Kay will draft letter and circulate it to the Board.

2. Review of Minutes

The December 15, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Postponed.

4. Coordinator's Report



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- a. The Board applauded Sue's success in securing an off-cycle \$10,000 grant. The money will be deposited in our trust fund, where it can earn interest until the operating funding is determined.
5. **Committee Priorities Review/Task Force Reports**
 - a. **Outreach**

Sheila Shea reported that the committee is working with Sue to create a "careers in the arts" program in the Portsmouth Middle School that would go throughout the school year. Meet with community members who work in creative industries. A Fuller Foundation grant application is being drafted.
6. **Symposium**

Business and the Arts – examples on a local, regional and national level.
Joan Goshgarian of NH Business Committee for the Arts Will be contacted for feedback on this idea. The Board will solidify plans for the next symposium, including where it might be held, at the next meeting.
7. **Adjournment**
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

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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Leanne Spees, *Acting Vice Chair*
Deb Thompson, *Secretary*
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*