



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION
June 21, 2010 Board Meeting
Final Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Diane Cabell
Tom Cocchiaro
Molly Ferrera
Ellen Fineberg
Chris Greiner
Blair Hundertmark
Jane James
Steve McHenry
Peter Michaud
Anna Nuttall
Jody Record
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees

Absent:

Russell Grazier

Also:

Sue Cobler

Jane James began the meeting at 6:35pm.

1. Review of Minutes

Leanne Spees made a motion to approve the budget with the following correction to the Treasurer's report: that the assets as of 4/30/2020 were 54,527.58 and that we will propose a FY2011 budget for approval by the board at the next meeting. With this change, the May 24, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. President's Comments

Jane James thanked the board for keeping the Art-Speak "ship afloat" in a troubled economy, and reminded the board that we are the only municipally supported arts council in the state. She suggested that going forward some of the Coordinator's time ought to be allocated to grant writing, particularly at the end of the fiscal year. Regarding board composition, Jane suggested that the board be comprised of 1/3 arts and culturally connected people, 1/3 community members, and 1/3 business leaders.

3. Public Art Funds – Library/Fire Station 2

Jane James reported that \$15,000 held in the A-S trust for a particular piece of art to be displayed at the public library has been re-designated for the same piece to go to Fire



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Station 2. The board voted unanimously for the funds to be released and allocated to this project.

4. Treasurer's Report/FY11 Budget

Leanne Spees reported that the income for May was \$1,250. Expenditures were \$5,875. Leanne presented the FY11 budget, which was approved unanimously by the board.

5. Board Officers for FY11

Ellen Fineberg presented the slate of officers for FY11: Steve McHenry (Chair), Diane Cabell (Vice Chair), Chris Greiner (Secretary), and Molly Ferrera (Treasurer), as well as the slate of new board members: Meganne Fabrega, Sarah Haskell, Christine Penney, and Robin Albert. The board unanimously approved the entire slate.

6. Overnight Art Reception

Chris Greiner thanked the individuals who were particularly helpful in launching the Overnight Art exhibition. All the work, signage and Art-o-Meters have been installed. The opening reception is Thursday, June 24, from 6-8pm. Tasks were assigned and the evening's program was discussed.

7. Committee Reports

a. Public Art

- i. Jane James reported that the committee is working on an acquisition policy for the city regarding public art. Additionally, work will commence on laying the groundwork for the Percent for Art project in the Middle School.

b. Space Committee

- i. Steve reported that the committee has been on hiatus through the overnight art project launch. But that the committee needs next to vet the Islington Street Corridor Study and begin to explore approaches to arts spaces: venues, studio spaces, live/work space.

c. Outreach Committee

- i. Anna Nuttall reported that they are in the ArtWorks grant reporting stage, and moving on to figure out priorities for FY2011.

8. Additions to the Agenda

9. Review of New Action Items

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Meeting notes taken by Chris Greiner, Secretary.



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John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*