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MEETING MINUTES

Arts Council Committee

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

6:40 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 4802

Members Present: Anne Berkeley, Co-chair; Lisa Degliantoni, Co-Chair; Sergio De los Reyes; Carol Bass; Fran Joy; Nan Stein; Rebecca Mendoza; Heidi Bloom; Helen Axelrood; Dino Robinson

Members Absent: Manuel Aleman

Staff Present: Jennifer Lasik, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Presiding Member: Anne Berkeley, Co-Chair

Declaration of Quorum

With a quorum present, Co-Chairman Anne Berkeley called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. De Los Reyes and seconded by Ms. Stein that the minutes of the July 15, 2014 and August 19, 2014 meetings be approved with corrections suggested by Ms. Berkley. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Relations: The next Cultural Connections event will be on October 16th, 2014 at The Block Museum at 5:30 pm. A discussion was started regarding Ms. Joy suggestion to the restructure of the committee due to low attendance of the current members. Ms. Bloom would like to see the committee become working groups as needed. Ms. Lasik suggested that the Cultural Connections remain and meet quarterly and Community Relations should be dissolved and for work groups are organized as needed per project. Ms. Joy mentioned that Mary Jo Huck is a very active volunteer and would like to keep her as part of any future working group for Community Relations.

Arts and Business: Art Under Glass call for artists have been sent and suggested that if committee know of artist that would like to participate can complete form in work shop, a few spaces are still available. It was decided to eliminate the Sculpture Garden because of size of the space and make it a special call for artist at a later date, both Arts Council and Public Art members can participate. Entries will be juried by number to keep it fair. Ms. Rotheiser informed that the committee met last week to discuss the wish list for "Backstage Evanston" at the moment they have 15 groups represented with 30 members they will meet within the next month to see what will be the next step.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Lasik will be working with Gina Speckman on the RP for the 2015 Art conference to take place in Evanston. Ms. Speckman has agreed to do the bid with the exception of the Arts Community part. "The Art Under Glass" applications are on the Arts and Culture city of Evanston Page. Last night Ms. Lasik presented to City Council and her presentation went very

well. Artist Alan Leder has opened his new exhibit at Noyes it features artwork created by Disabled Artist. The developer of Davis St has contacted Ms. Lasik for a public art project as community give back. The Sherman Opening has been moved to October for Arts and Humanities month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Three members of the Evanston Women’s Club (Jan Stein, Co-Chair; Claire Strykowski, Co-Chair; Phebe Tinker, Marketing Director) came before committee to invite all to this year Cornucopia Event. This year the event will take place the weekend before Thanksgiving November 21-23, the event is free and open to the public. The event will include handmade holiday gifts, also for sale will be art creations by young artists. Monies raised will be for local charities. More information can be found on their website: cornucopia.wcofe.org

Kathy Judge came to introduce herself she is an artist and new resident to Evanston she moved from Austin, Texas. Ms. Judge has been working with special needs children, she is also a book conservator, teaches book binding, paper marbling, and volunteers at hospices. Ms. Judge is interested in volunteering for work group as needed.

Reports of Ad Hoc or Special Committees

Noyes is at 100% occupancy, the only issue remaining is still staffing at the building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

“Bright Night for the Arts”: Ms. Berkeley started the discussion regarding the event; she informs the theme will be to celebrate the arts in Evanston. She will be meeting with the piano player on Thursday, Mr. Robinson will help with the sound system and he suggested a moratorium meeting after the event. Invitations and Check-in have been sent along with a payment link \$20/\$25 ticket prices. The event will feature fall decorations, no decorations are allowed on the walls or the ceilings. To-Do: Auctioneer needs assistance, volunteers needed for the check in table, and for several other spot locations. All presenters will have a five minute power point, with two presenters presenting clips. Free pass will be given to Bright Spots and Auction artist will also receive 15% of proceeds. Ms. Degliantoni has offered to donate five tickets, Elected official will receive comp. tickets as well.

Open Studios: Mrs. Degliantoni informed the event is going well; maps for the event can be picked up at Creative Co Working the headquarters for this year’s event. Artists will make signs of their own creation to promote. Ms. Bass has offered to help Ms. Lasik with the distribution of the pocket calendars.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 8:30 PM, September 16th, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria C. Aguilar
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