



MEETING MINUTES

Evanston Arts Council

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2402

Members Present: Lisa Deglianoni, co-chair; Manuel Aleman; Carole Bass; Fran Joy; Rebeca Mendoza; Sergio de los Reyes; Dino Robinson; Jacqueline Williams; Helen Axelrod

Members Absent: Anne Berkeley; Stephen Guenther; Greg Allen

Staff Present: Jennifer Lasik, Cultural Arts Coordinator; Maria Aguilar, Levy Center

Declaration of Quorum

With a quorum present, Ms. Deglianoni called the meeting to order at 6:39.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Zoe Johansson: Senior at ETHS; Wants to do a project Evanston heroes; Results will be in her blog; Any one nominated is expected to be included 20-50 candidates; Wants arts council to spread the word about her project; May deadline.

Mr. Kai George: Junior at ETHS; Spoken word poetry; "Music" – based on Art exhibit at ETHS

Ms. Christina Kelley: Eisma – Evanston in school music association; 40 year old organization; Mission to take two concerts per year to schools; EISMA mission is to expose children to concerts that they would not otherwise; Every concert is different. They bring high quality groups; Open to collaborate with other non-profits; Provide material to music teachers so children know ahead of time; Budget is provided by PTA, fundraising; Looking to grow board;

Ms. Lasik recommended she post open board position (executive director) on FB arts council page.

Public comments ended at 7:00pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts & Business Ms. Rotheiser stated that the committee voted on leadership award – recipient is Koi; the lunch is March 7th. She also stated that the Chamber is giving special rate of \$40 for arts people. The award artist is Piloto. Ms. Rotheiser would like invite EISMA to meeting. She would like to connect more efficiently with businesses and involve the chamber.

Community Relations Ms. Joy is looking for suggestions to become more involved. The committee would like to create an artist resource list for City of Evanston. Ms. Joy also announced the Open Studios organized by Ms. Deglianoni for June 7th; asking artists to open up to public from 5-10 for any studio interested. Email openstudioevanston@gmail.com to participate.

Ms. Rotheiser suggests arts and humanities month. Ms. Degliantoni stated maybe in October for visual, singing and parades. Ms. Joy stated fall art event being planned. **Public Art Committee** Mr. Brown, co-chair of public art committee was present to talk about Evanston HeARTh. Project was initiated in Dec. as experiment with art in public spaces. 2 more events are planned March 1st and 22nd . The second event will be a lakeshore event natural ice formation add color and ice sculpting. The 3rd event will embrace green sustainability and ways to better treat the earth. Mr. Brown will be removing yarn-bombing from trees next Monday or Tuesday.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Lasik reported the Friday, February 14th deadline for cultural arts grants. (13 received) Ms. Plante has checked and is creating packets to 4 outside community panelists. They will come back to Arts Council for decision on how to award. City willing to give more money and will be meeting. Greg Allan has volunteered.

Ms. Lasik met with Arts Alliance Illinois with regarding advocacy. Ben Whitehouse is working with city staff on project "One Sky Evanston" . It is a digital green project; digital mural of pics of the sky. Ms. Lasik introduced a new FB page : Evanston arts wanted for any arts positions available. She stated it is geared to be self service – click thru page. Ms. Mendoza would like Arts Buzz to be perfected instead of creating new web page. She stated city staff should keep pages updated and manage. Ms. Lasik responded that city doesn't have staff to update/ manage pages. Mr. Robinson agreed that current situation is not working. Ms. Degliantoni feels FB share is great idea to spread the information. There were suggestions to keep name but change formatting. Ms. Degliantoni would like a communication strategy that would help promote and engage for all ages.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NTA/EAC joint recommendation for HSC: Lisa Degliantoni moved to approve proposal.

Discussion: Ms. Mendoza would like to see better surveillance in stairway. Ms. Lasik stated that Mr. Bobkiewicz suggested volunteer reception in lieu of staff. Ms. Degliantoni suggested a swipe system after 8pm.

Mr. de las Reyes motioned to accept recommendations and add bullet to recommend that the city install security system. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Motion carried. Will move to NTA for vote.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Field trip on Sunday – meet at Noyes lot at 1pm with 2pm tour. Rina to send confirmation. Carpool - Sergio can drive.

- EvanstARTs update: Report done. Ms. Lasik stated that it will be made available to public soon. Working on next piece they want to tackle.

- Evanston Art Center will stay till 1/31/2015 then they must move. Ms. Lasik is working on helping with "Plan B" options. Challenge to think outside model for time being. City instructed by council to help find solution to be kept viable. Mr. Robinson stated it is

perhaps time to get more downtown and closer to public transportation. Arts center has space at Noyes.

- Ms. Joy announced Aug 14th –YEA and YOU collaborative event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Aguilar