

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes of November 5, 2020 Meeting

These minutes are subject to approval by the NCAC, at the next meeting

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, held a meeting via video conferencing on Thursday, November 5, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman

Members present: Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Deborra Zukowski, Tracy Van Buskirk, Sue Kassirer, Grant Ossendryver (joined at 7:14)

Members absent: Jen Cebry, Robert Kaiser, Suzanne Lang,

Auxiliary members: Barbara Snyder

Members of the Public: none

Minutes: It was moved that the minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting be approved; moved by Spencer, seconded by Zukowski, no discussion, passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: Laura Lerman reported that Hanna Roehrs has earned Master Weaver status which was awarded by the Handweavers' Guild of Connecticut. She has been participating in the weekly weaving workshops sponsored by the CAC.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Public Art at Fairfield Hills: The response to the Doors at Fairfield Hills project has been very positive with lots of comments on Facebook. Paula Brinkman, Laura and Andrea asked Nancy Cole (artist) to mock up a postcard that could be sold to help promote our public art. Andrea has already had interest from local businesses. Andrea ordered 250 cards for an all in price of \$95.74. The fee for Nancy is \$150. It was moved to reimburse Andrea the \$95.74 (seconded by Van Buskirk, passed unanimously). It was moved to pay Nancy Cole \$150 for her work (seconded Kassirer, passed unanimously). Printing posters with the same image was discussed. They could be hung in area stores or sold. Andrea will price that out. Barb Snyder told us about an EDC/ P&R initiative to have local businesses decorate for the holidays, if they don't have a store or physical location, they are invited to use their creativity to decorate lampposts or other identified places at Fairfield Hills. Andrea told us about a local artist, Lindsay Fuori, would like to do some public art in Newtown and has approached us for a grant. Andrea has been exploring locations and it is possible that the utility building near the dog park would be a good candidate. Brian Engle, a 12-14 father, would also like to donate to make some structural upgrades to that building. Andrea will pursue this with Amy at P&R. There are

also other locations that could be used for murals or paintings such as an old building near the Reed School whose windows are covered in plywood. In general, everyone agreed that more public art is a good alternative to our traditional activities which are impossible this year.

Community Center: No report

Public Participation: None

Facebook Page Calendars: Laura is posting weekly calendars of area arts commissions.

Poet Laureate: No leads yet for our search for someone to replace Lisa Schwartz.

Municipal Gallery/Showcase/Library Showcase: The portfolio class from the high school would like to show in December at the Muni Gallery, but Dan wants to wait until after the New Year and only if the COVID numbers are better. Holly Kocet will update the Pollinators display for the Library Showcase.

Website: No report.

Other Business: None.

It was moved by Kassirer to adjourn, seconded by Zukowski, no discussion, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.