

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
CULTURAL COMMISSION
May 12, 2022**

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Kira Macyda, Hasina Abdu, Neha Rao, Samar Sakakini, Anthony Davis, Bill Tesen, Jon LaFever, Ben Frick, Laura Mortier, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

Excused: Nick Brandon, Virginia Thorne-Herrmann, Tania Ganguly, Darian Moore, Greg Hohenberger

Absent: Thomas Paden, Husain Haidri

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Macyda at 6:00pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to accept May 12, 2022, agenda approved by Sakakini, supported by Tesen. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2021, and February 10, 2022, approved by Tesen, supported by Sakakini. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Re-evaluation of committees – moved to discuss after the Strategic Plan

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Strategic Plan Review
- Committee reviewed the changes made by the strategic plan committee
 - In addition to the changes provided in the draft, changed Establish Data Source to 2022 in the Strategy/Action Plan section
 - Motion to approve the recommended changes to the Strategic Plan by Abdu and supported by Sakakini. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Discussed options for the Artist Laureate Funds
 - Laura suggested to possibly add a line item to the Canton Cares Fund for Cultural, Arts and Heritage donations – will check with Beth from the Community Foundation on what we can do with the Artist Laureate money.
 - Jon suggested the donations already received for the Artist Laureate could be used to support an artist renting a space at the Village Arts Factory.
 - Might have to check with donors about using their donations for a different purpose
 - Staff will update at the next meeting.

- B. Re-evaluate Committees
 - The commission evaluated its purpose: Promotion, participation, ideas, feedback on existing programs
 - Laura suggested the following based off the goals and action items in the Strategic Plan:
 1. Funding committee
 2. Art committee
 3. Multi-Cultural Committee
 4. Historic Committee
- C. CLS Updates
 - Cultural Pre-shows will be 30 minutes from 6:30-7pm before the main act.
 - Still looking for some more acts for these
 - Flyers will be sent out as soon as they are done
 - Juneteenth
 - Jack & Jill partnership
 - 3-5pm – programs
 - 5-7pm – Motown Band
 - 8-10pm – Thornetta Davis
 - Pride OUTside
 - July 16 at Heritage Park from 6-8pm
 - LGBTQ community to feel safe in their community
 - National Night Out
 - During a Thursday night concert
 - Liberty Fest/International Fest
 - Laura will talk to Peg from communications and marketing to create a tagline for the Cultural Commission to go on promotional items

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- A. **Partnership for the Arts & Humanities**
 - Township is entering into a 10-year agreement with the Partnership
 - Looking to contract a programming specialist
 - Will go to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting
 - Will share job description with the Cultural Commission
 - AARP funding to go toward a park at Village Arts Factory
- B. **Multicultural Committee**
 - None
- C. **Historical Society** - <http://www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org/>
 - Museum display has “What Farm did you Grow Up On” and added what school did you would have attended.

- Barn update – insurance money came in
 - Will be doing a barn “aesthetic” with modern amenities
 - Would like to make it a 4-seasons facility and add concrete flooring
- B4 will take place on September 10th this year
- Barn will be open first week in June

D. Resident Art Groups

- Updates for concerts can be found on:

Michigan Philharmonic - <https://www.michiganphil.org/>

PCEP

- None

Village Theater

- Working with the schools:
 - PCEP jazz concert took place last week
 - PCEP and MSU xylophone performance took place
- Had the Accidentals and Steven Page perform recently
- May and June are filled with recitals and rentals
- DIA Inside out project
- July – Michigan Shakespeare
- Art exhibits

ROUND TABLE

A. Additional Public Comment

- Committee has decided not to do a table at Liberty Fest but if you would like to volunteer, let Laura know.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.