

**Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage
Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2019**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
COMMISSION FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE
BOARD PROCEEDINGS – August 8, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Vice Chairperson Samar Sakakini called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Samar Sakakini, Kira Macyda, Bill Tesen, John Mullinax, Greg Hohenberger, Jennifer Provenzano, Joseph Kvoriak, Ken Bhuva, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

Excused: Jon LaFever, Darian Moore, Susan Schwandt

Absent: Yvonne Alford, Sue Dodson, Sommer Foster, Thomas Paden, Sharon Dillenbeck, Elena Semenov, Virginia Thorne-Herrmann, Anthony Davis, Nick Brandon

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Tesen, supported by Macyda to accept the agenda of August 8, 2019 as presented.

Mullinax requested to add two items to the agenda under New Business:

B. Make a motion to create an Artist Laureate Subcommittee

C. Make a motion that Canton Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger officially has been authorized by the governing board of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage to file the FY20 Arts Minigrant application on behalf of the Canton Culture Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tesen, supported by Mullinax to accept the meeting minutes of May 9, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Acts of Culture Week

- Moore will report next meeting but Kvoriak mentioned that it was very busy

B. Liberty Fest

- There was discussion on location for the booth. Sakakini feels it was too far from the International stage. Bhuva stated it was more traffic by the beer tent.
- Provenzano stated there needs to be better planning. Perhaps starting earlier in the year.
- Sakakini asked what the purpose of the tent.
- Macyda asked about the Leisure Services booth. Hohenberger stated that the booth for more for informational purposes about the festival but the Cultural Commission could leave information there instead of doing a booth.

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- Hohenberger restated Sakakini's question of what is the purpose. Provenzano mentioned focusing on fundraising or awareness.
- It was suggested to create a subcommittee to start planning in January.
- It was decided to make this a topic for the next meeting.

Sakakini asked if we could have another form of communication since the e-mail did not go through. Bunjik will send out a test e-mail.

C. Artist Laureate Program

- a. Booth was discussed with Liberty Fest (item B)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Orientation Packets

- a. Hold off till next meeting when there are more people

B. Artist Laureate Subcommittee – Motion will be done via e-mail proxy (not enough members to do a quorum)

- Minigrant was submitted on 8/2/19. Should hear by 9/15/19 if they receive anything. Could be between 0-\$4000
- Artist Laureate Roadshow visited:
 - Historical Society – Letter of Support received
 - Canton Public Library – Eva Davis is interested on sitting on subcommittee. Would like a Memo of Understanding for partnership. Work on draft next month.
 - DDA – committed to investing in the arts. Given letter of support and will help promote at DDA events (along Ford Rd.)
 - Partnership for the Arts – Tom Yack wrote a letter and will personally donate to the Program.
 - In order for the Partnership to rent space, they must support or have some sort of benefit for the veterans.
- Canton Community Foundation – working on finalizing the agreement. Beth Meade mentioned not putting in too much detail because then changes are very hard to make. Mullinax will look at the draft for edits.
- There is a fundraiser opportunity with the Optimist Club to work a food truck at the Fall Festival in Plymouth. A portion of the proceeds will be matched by the Optimist Club and will go towards the Artist Laureate Program. Fall Fest is Sept 6-8. Bunjik will send out an e-mail for interest.

C. Motion for Canton Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger officially to be authorized by the governing board of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage to file the FY20 Arts Minigrant application on behalf of the Canton Culture Commission. **Motion will be done via e-mail proxy (not enough members to do a quorum)**

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Lots of thanks to Susan and John for all their hard work and diligence.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Partnership for the Arts & Humanities

- Building is looking good. Pathway has been added to their list of items to be completed this year.
- No date yet to when they will open. Jill thinks late fall
- There is a fundraiser being held on October 5th at the Village Theater

B. Multicultural Committee

- Will start within the next month or so.

C. Historical Society

- September 7, 2019 – Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn event. Volunteers come at 5pm.
- New display at the museum. Township and Country in the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's.

E. Resident Art Groups

Michigan Philharmonic

- New education coordinator
- Will be kicking off the season soon

D&M Art Studio

- None

Village Theater

- Hosted the 1st Volunteer and Partnership Participation Recognition
 - Great event
 - Ceremony and awards
 - About 75 people in attendance
- Building repairs are being done: Concrete replacement, lights, scanners, seats, projectors, curtain fireproofing
- Created a brochure and bumper sticker for marketing
- Sakakini mentioned the Pride event was great.
- Salute to Service coming up. Any ideas for speakers/candidates are welcome.
- Different culture groups who participated in the International Festival will be contacted to create a wreath to be displayed at the tree lighting and then in the Summit afterwards. Purpose is to celebrate all events together. The plan is to have workshops to make the wreaths together. Bhuvu said he would like to volunteer for that.

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ROUND TABLE

A. Additional Public Comment

- Liberty Fest winners have been contacted and Kvorik heard back from both

B. Next Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – Canton Admin. Building – Lower Level Room

E.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mullinax, supported by Sakakini to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.