

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
CULTURAL COMMISSION
September 22, 2022**

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Kira Macyda, Hasina Abdu, Neha Rao, Darian Moore, Kevin Ryan, Gregg King, Laura Mortier, Greg Hohenberger, Jon LaFever, Ben Frick, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

Excused: Nick Brandon, Virginia Thorne-Herrmann, Samar Sakakini, Tania Ganguly

Absent: Thomas Paden, Husain Haidri

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Macyda at 6:02pm.

Introductions of new members:

Bill Tesen and Anthony Davis have resigned from the Cultural Commission

- Kevin Ryan – new Partnership for the Arts Representative
- Gregg King – new Historical Society Representative

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to accept September 22, 2022, agenda approved by Moore, supported by Abdu. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 12, 2022, approved by Abdu, supported by Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Contact List Update
- No update from Tania – wait for response

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposal Presentation
- Due to minimal attendance and only meeting 4 times a year it is hard to conduct business
 - Staff is proposing to change what the commission offers based on what the Township needs
 - Based proposal off the 4 Mission Goals:
 1. Serve as the convener to bring together diverse constituencies, artistic expression, and participation.
 - Helping to volunteering – sign up to help on upcoming quarterly events
 - Be an ambassador and volunteer

- Will discuss Volunteer Experience each meeting under ‘Old Business’
 - Recommitment form – members must commit to 6 events a year
- 2. Serve as the communicator to create awareness of, support for, and participation in cultural arts and heritage activities and events
 - At each meeting staff will provide flyers of upcoming events for the committee to share with community groups, social meeting, etc. (electronic flyers will be sent with the minutes following the meetings so you can share on social media.)
- 3. Serve as the catalyst to stimulate and create opportunities for artistic expression and participation in the arts
 - Participants will have the opportunity to share outside events to promote across committee: Historical society, Partnership for the Arts, etc.
- 4. Ensure quality culture, arts and heritage that are accessible to and sustained by the greater Canton Community
 - Share ideas and recommendations
 - Opportunity to host own event
 - Asked by the Township to recommend vendors, artists, etc.
- The idea is to get more involvement from committee and to take the pressure off in trying to create a program or event
- Laura passed around a list with Q4 events with opportunities to volunteer
- Moving forward committee members will sign the volunteer list for upcoming events and will be given flyers to hand out and promote
- A recommitment form will be included in the e-mail from Jessi. By signing this form, you are agreeing to:
 - Attend 2 of the 4 meetings a year
 - Volunteer at 6 events for the calendar year
- Recommitment form – Due October 1st - send into Jessi
- Want to make sure current commission is still interested in serving. Once we know how many committee members we have, we will do a call out for new members to fill the holes
- No need to take to the Board – terms are within the by-laws, but this process gives us something to take to the Board
- Strategic Plan needs to be reconsidered
- Events are planned 6-9 months ahead of time
 - Minimum of 6 a year
 - Can distribute based on your schedule
 - Need to get nametags once all members have been filled and recommitted
 - Laura would have more details on a specific event
- Canton International Food Festival is being discussed – opportunity for future event

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- Partnership for the Arts

- New agreement with Township with Kevin Ryan being the new Community Program Director for the Cherry Hill Village area
- August events included:
 - 5k run launch at the Cherry Hill Village Festival
 - First annual Cherry Hill Village Festival had about 3000 participants
 - Larger next year
 - Fall into Art
 - Integration of Music, Art, and Food
 - Sept 30th is the first event – gallery opening and reception for two artists
 - Prior to the event, there will be a VIP with businesses to mingle with tenants to work together and build economic development of community
 - Take place on Fridays
 - 7th live chalk
 - 21st Potters Guild
 - Last Saturday before Halloween there will be a Halloween stroll
 - Talk of DDA in the Village – no details yet
- Multicultural Committee
 - Remove from agenda
- Historical Society
 - 12th annual B4 Event took place on September 10, 2022
 - Well attended
 - Attendance was down – trends are showing less interest in craft beer and more into seltzers and cocktails
 - Historical Museum – Saturday is last day of Museum
 - Barn – in process – design completed
- Resident Art Groups Reports
 - MI Philharmonic – remove from agenda
- School
 - Oct 6th – Commissioner Daub holding a Women's Symposium at the PARC
 - Oct 7th - Bollywood Bash
 - PR for Schools Asian Pacific American Club
- Village Theater
 - Wrapped MI Shakespeare
 - Lower attendance than normal
 - Spotlight players events – sold out
 - 28th annual fine arts exhibition
 - 78 submissions
 - More participation than before
 - Tania helped select for international Showcase
 - 10-11 selected
 - 2 –2.5 hours

- International Fest – any ideas for new acts, please send to Ben
 - Looking for some new ideas for performers, vendors, anything
- Fall season – many events through the end of the year

ROUND TABLE

A. Additional Public Comment

- How to Spell Canton Campaign again?
 - Not doing again this year with shift of commission

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.