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VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Village Hall Conference Room, 123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Members and guests:
 - a. Members present: Chari Allison, Jacqueline Meier, Joycemarie Washburn, Marina Kiriakou, Jamie Weisinger, Dena Schumacher
 - b. Volunteers present: Melissa Moak
 - c. Absent: Robin Campbell, Kate Colson, Jane Dorian
 - d. Trustee: Leon Potok
 - e. Guests: Thibault and Audrey Decker
2. Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Meier and Allison
3. Kiriakou and Allison approved minutes for October.
4. **Mural Project Proposal:** Thibault and Audrey Decker made presentation for “Street Art for Mankind.” This is their 3-year old non-profit whose mission is to fight against international child trafficking. A six-mural installation project was launched in Larchmont last spring. The group has been working in NYC, incorporating the talents of both street and professional artists to create and paint 6 murals of local historical or current social themes.

For Mamaroneck Village, the Deckers propose setting up an “Art Walk,” as was done in Larchmont. Visitors would be encouraged to follow a map of murals that takes them through lesser traveled parts of the village. A scanable barcode would enable visitors to instantly upload reference information about each mural.

Aims of this project include:

- To democratize art
- To start conversations between people
- To encourage walking to see art in one’s own village
- To educate about topics such as history or current social issues.
- To form cultural and artistic connections.
- To feature works of diverse artists - local and international

The Deckers proposed 6 murals be installed in the Village at a cost of \$6,000 each. The theme proposed is “History of Mamaroneck.”

Potok suggested identifying surfaces available in the Village, taking into consideration different parts of town and the idea of revitalizing certain spots that could use new life.

Suggested that part of the intention is to bring new features to untapped areas, and create a more walkable environment in our community. Suggested looking at patterns of pedestrian traffic in Village.

Potok defined three tasks:

1. Identify all potential sites for murals
2. Identify historical themes
3. Begin fundraising immediately

Deckers described their own fundraising role in Larchmont: they approached local businesses and patrons. Suggested getting broader community involved in Mamaroneck: high schools, vendors, etc.

Allison suggested ways to begin identifying ideas for town histories - local historians, etc. Potok proposed taking walk with local historian to identify important locations and stories.

Meier suggested that the Harbor and water-life should be featured.

Deckers promised a "Plan of Action" would be forthcoming.

Potok committed to begin fundraising efforts immediately. Local businesses would be featured in promotional material and possibly on-site for each mural.

5. **Marine Education Advisory Committee PROJECT:** Potok reported that Arts Council agenda was not covered at last MECA meeting. Schumacher brought up possibility of using dumpsters, utility boxes, etc at the Marine Education Center for Arts Council-sponsored artwork.

6. **Arts & Crafts Fair**

Kiriakou and Dorian to place posters for fair in windows of local vendors. Discussed further distribution to library, community centers, gyms, etc.

Allison discussed obtaining 36 parking permits, as requested by vendors. Tables brought to space Friday between 1-4; plans to set-up early Saturday morning at nine. Raffle gift obtained from Glow, Weisinger to make raffle presentation package. Meier to run raffle during fair.

7. **Arts Life Lectures:** Meier reported on Christina Baal's excellent presentation on 10,000 birds project in October. December 9th will feature Jonathan Ridel who will discuss being a choreographer after having a family.

8. **"Books Come to Life" winter library event:** Schumacher reported that date was changed to January 12th. Asked for Volunteers from Arts Council. Kiriakou, Weisinger volunteered to help with installation.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.