

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
April 14, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday April 14, 2015, at Town Hall South.

Members Present: Robert Rabinowitz, Laura Lerman, Donna Mangiafico, Rob Kaiser, John Conk, Jen Cebry, Andrea Spencer,

Members Absent: Donna Randle, Rob Kaiser, Tracy Van Buskirk,

Auxiliary Members: Maureen Trotto, Lisa Schwartz, Elaine Barbera

Guests: None

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of the Thursday March 10, 2016, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair):
 - Donna Mangiafico is moving and has submitted her resignation effective May 1st. We now have an opening for a new member – according to the Town Charter that member will need to be either a Republican or unaffiliated.
 - Laura has been meeting with EDC about doing more with the Arts at Edmond Town Hall
 - Andrea Spencer (Vice Chair): None
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): None
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
 - Update on accounts
 - With Donna moving we now need to have someone volunteer to take over as Treasurer
- Public Participation: None
- Weaver's Lease
 - Motion by Andrea for NCAC to sign lease on behalf of Weavers at Congregational Church, 2nd by Donna M., passed unanimously.
- Donations (Robert R)
 - NCAC has arranged for and delivered donations of drumsticks and mallets, jazz instruction books, and tuners to Newtown High School.
 - A donation of sound equipment from Samson is being coordinated. The NCAC unanimously agrees to contact Edmond Town Hall and see if they would be interested in having Samson provide a sound system for The Alexandria Room
- 2016 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)
 - Motion by Donna M to allocate \$10,000 seed money for this year's Arts Festival, second by John C, passed unanimously.
 - Discussion of Website maintenance/upkeep – next year we should incorporate Arts Fest website into NCAC website. With Donna leaving after this year we will need someone else to take over running the Arts Fest website.
 - Sponsorships
- Film Festival – next film is Singing In The Rain on April 24th
- Poet Laureate Report (Lisa)

- “Risk a Verse” was a very successful event. Held last Sunday at the Newtown Meeting House.
- Discussion of future events
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants (Andrea)
 - Scholarships: We have received 13 applications
 - Check to Town Players is being presented this week.
- Library Showcase
 - Currently on display at the Library showcase is Neil Bittner’s works.
- Municipal Center Gallery
 - A dedicated permanent space in the Municipal Center has been established for Flagpole Photographers photos of animal shelter animals for adoption.
 - Motion by Robert Rabinowitz to allocate \$70 to reimburse expenses related to the establishment of the Adoptable Animals Gallery, 2nd by Donna M. Passed unanimously.
 - Currently showing at the Municipal Center Gallery is Glen River until May 31
 - Laura brought up the idea of having the Municipal Center open one Sunday afternoon a month to allow the public to come in and view our permanent adoptable animal gallery and our changing gallery showcase.
- Leonard Bench
 - Dedication is now confirmed.
- Social Media (Robert R)
 - Regular posts continue to be made to the NCAC Facebook Page
- Other Business
 - John Conk has heard that the Visiting Nurse’s Association may be leaving Edmond Town Hall. Perhaps it’s a space we might have use.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.