



MINUTES

January 28, 2015 | 10:00am | City Hall Auditorium

Attendance: Mayor Elinor Carbone, Erin Wilson, Tim Waldron, Jacque Williams, Marie Soliani, Ed Cannata, Mike McAllister, Kim McAllister, Bill Haygood, Fiona DeMerell, Vincent Chaigne

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mike McAllister and seconded by Commissioner Kim McAllister at 10:06 AM.

New Members Vincent Chaigne and Marie Soliani were introduced and welcomed to the Commission. Both described their backgrounds and their excitement to join the Commission.

Commissioner Haygood made a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2014 with the correction of spelling of McAllister. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously approved.

The Commission moved on to discuss the need for a new Chairperson and secretary. There was a brief discussion regarding the roles. Some commissioners expressed interest.

Commissioner Cannatta was nominated by Commissioner McAllister and seconded by Commissioner Haygood.

Commissioner Chaigne was nominated by Jacque Williams and seconded by Kim McAllister. Each Commissioner discussed why they thought they would make a good Chairman.

The Commission took a ballot vote. Commissioner Ed Cannatta was elected Chairman.

A discussion began regarding the role of secretary. Commissioner Soliani stepped forward was nominated by the Commission.

On a motion made by Commissioner Chaigne and seconded by Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Marie Soliani was elected secretary.

The Commission moved on to discuss their 2015 Goals and Objectives. After much discussion the Commission narrowed its focus on the following goals & objectives.

1. Inventory Data Research of our local arts community & organizations.
2. Establish a better relationship with the Northwest Hills Arts Council and to network, promote & support local artists.
3. Re-visit the ACT website

It was discussed that at the next meeting, Steering Committees would be formed and more in detail action items for these goals would be discussed, for example the Event Planners Toolkit and bringing back the Torrington Dough project.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mike McAllister and seconded by Bill Haygood the Commission voted unanimously to approve the above three goals & objectives.

Commissioner Williams discussed his new initiative called Culture for a Cause. This entails a way to fundraise to support local artists. Commissioner Williams asked the Commission to review his initiative and will be looking for support from the Commission in the future.

Economic Development Director Erin Wilson updated the Commission on Main Street Marketplace. She explained that due to upcoming sidewalk and bridge construction, that MSMP would be relocated to Franklin Street. It was discussed that the MSMP Steering Committee begin to meet again with Ms. Wilson as the lead and Commissioners Mike & Kim McAllister. The group will discuss adding other members to the Steering Committee.

On a motion made by Commissioner Cannatta and seconded by Commissioner Soliani the Commission unanimously approved the Steering Committee and its members requiring a report back at each meeting as to their progress.

On a motion by Commissioner McAllister and seconded by Jacque Williams, the meeting was adjourned.