



## ARTS COMMISSION –MINUTES/NOTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center Cafeteria  
 Meeting Date: 10-5-2020  
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Cliff Blake, Rick Kincaid, Dennis Shanahan, Amanda Nelson, Jane Hamor,

Absent: Yulia Rothenberg (excused), Mike Lee (excused), Nancy Vawter (excused), Linnea Nemeth (excused), Julia Kirchmer (excused), Kim Schuman (unexcused) and Ginny Krystl (resigned)

Call to Order: 6:37 (no quorum present) (no recorder present)

#### Citizens Forum

Monica Nagle and Dan “Mr. Strand” Demers came representing the Strand.

They are putting together a telethon fundraiser to raise \$100,000 for next year. It will be November 20-21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm-6pm. The Strand desperately needs the funds, and if they do not meet this goal the Strand will not make it beyond 2021. Dan brought some promotional materials for the Strand. He stressed the importance of the arts in community building, healing, mental health, addiction recovery, etc. The Strand provides a wide variety of performances, including musicians, dancers, theater acts, comedy, etc. Dan will be the MC, but the rest of the telethon will be made up of separately recorded pieces, including the first movie shown in the theater, *Daddy-Long-Legs*, when it opened in 1919. They have also been reaching out to politicians, state and local, to record messages of support. They have printed out tickets to offer to businesses in return for a donation—the businesses can then give the tickets to patrons. The Statler Brothers wrote a song in the 1960 about saving the Strand. Terry Trainor is going to put the entire video together. They are working on getting the word out.

#### Minutes from September Meeting

Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes was tabled for the next meeting.

#### Master Plan Goals - 2021

##### a. Arts Community Sub-Committee

Jane got a report from Julia. Her next steps are to reach out to NH Listens and discuss an online forum. Confirm the invitation list. She will email the invitees 2-3 weeks out.

##### b. Performing Arts Space in HS

Jane reached out but hasn't heard anything back.

##### c. Marketing Plan

Tabled.

##### d. Waterfront Park

Tabled.



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#### Public Art and Landmarks Mapping

Jane added several new locations. She asked that every member go in and add information.

#### DAC Logo

Tabled.

#### 2020 Grant Recipients Update

Jane and Linnea met with Emily and told her that Apple Harvest Day would not be a good use of money. Emily is putting together a script for a video. She did get copies of her book printed through VistaPrint that look pretty good and allow her to donate the books to the schools.

Marielle is putting together 50 kits. She is also working on the video.

Steve Pappajohn has been focusing on 8-10 kids at the teen center and focusing on academics because of remote learning. But in a couple of weeks they will look at offering enrichment opportunities and has reached out to Rebecca.

#### Fall/Winter 2020 City Arts Grant Discussion

Tabled.

#### New Business/Updates

Jane received an email from the Arts Action Initiative about an “artist’s Sunday” to help promote artists during the holiday season.

The Chamber is working through a virtual Apple Harvest.

Jane made a motion to adjourn, and Rick seconded.

Adjourned: Secretary forgot to record the time.