

Stafford Arts Commission
Official Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting: 7:00pm, February 02, 2023

Town Hall Conference Room and online via Zoom

Carleton W
02.08.23

1. Open Meeting

2. Establish Quorum

- a. Present: Brian Chevalier, Carleton Whaley, Andie-Jane Leavitt, Michael Farmer, Oliver Scholes attending in person; Phen Harrison Jones & Rey Fabrizio attending via Zoom.
- b. Not present: Nancie Dutton, Chris Holguin, Teri Herel
- c. Sam Grillo is attending as a member of the public.

3. Old Business

- a. Carleton W will touch base with Chris H regarding the final mockup of the mural project, to be sent to Amber Wakley for approval.
 - i. We have the intention of completing the project before the Town-Wide Cleanup on April 22.
 - ii. Rey F, who is also on the Events and Celebrations committee, will discuss with Amber W the possibility of unveiling the mural directly after the cleanup event.
- b. The music subcommittee have been collaborating on the logistics of hosting concerts (to be held in the Hyde Park amphitheater on the third Thursdays of each summer month, 06/15, 07/20, 08/17, and 09/21) :
 - i. They have been drafting a contract for the performers & researching insurance and music rights.
 - ii. Throughout the month of February they will reach out to bands, and report back to the commission in early March.
 - iii. We discussed the possibility of purchasing a PA soundsystem (must research cost), and we've got to figure out a consistent power & lighting setup.
- c. Regarding the aforementioned Valentine's Day poetry for Arts on Main, we have confirmed with Jodi and arranged to arrive early and reserve a table.

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4. New Business

- a. Regarding the June 9th Arts on Main event, Jodi & Dan from the Cidery have informed us they won't be able to organize the event that month, and have asked us to take charge.
 - i. Arts on Main is very important to Jodi, so we will discuss further details with her as needed.
- b. Outreach Subcommittee suggested 3 groups to reach out to:
 - i. Local artists, at school, independent, and professional levels, to display their work.
 - ii. Artist co-ops—mentioned someone named Heather H (apologies, I didn't record the full name) who a few other members knew of.
 - iii. UConn Dramatic Arts students
- c. Phen H inquired after the account info for the Arts Commission Facebook and Instagram pages; Carleton W will send. Phen is in charge of social media as the new Director of Arts.
 - i. Phen shared his draft of the new mission statement, and we'll discuss and finalize it next meeting.
- d. Andie J inquired about whether we plan on continuing open mic nights; we decided to "rebrand" our open mics as variety shows, so people with a variety of talents feel welcome to perform. Possibly to be held on Wednesdays.

5. Tabled Discussions

- a. Oliver S suggested we allocate a portion of our budget to a Zoom subscription, will look into it further and report back next meeting.
- b. Film subcommittee must still overview movie list, and research costs of projector, film screen, & AV cart.
- c. Theatre subcommittee will meet and discuss logistics of Shakespeare in the Park.
- d. Town-wide scavenger hunt, historical walking tours, brainstorming possible collaborations with other organizations.
- e. Further discussion of an online radio station, to be continuously workshopped.

6. Close Meeting

- a. Brian Chevalier made a motion to close the meeting, unanimously agreed upon.