

NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION

January 8, 2019

City Hall Room Auditorium

Members in attendance: Mitzi Barrett, John Egan, Tina Cassidy, Lindsay Rinaldi, Marc Thayer, Judy Carlson, Paul LaFlamme, Rachel Rendina

Absent: Alison Bankowski, Tracy Hall,

Also present: Amy DeRoche NAC Admin,

Called to order: 8:04 am

1. Minutes: John made a motion, seconded by Lindsay to approve the November 13th meeting minutes. Per Judy the grant evaluation committee dates need to be corrected to 2/12 and 2/19. Motion carries

John made a motion, seconded by Rachel to approve the December minutes. Motion carries

2. Financial Report: Amy reposted there has been no change since the last meeting.

3. Grants: Marc reported that judges for the evaluation committee have been recruited. So far Ginni Lupe, Steve Ruddock and Sandeep Bikram Shah have signed on. 10 applications have been received. 8 people attended the December grant workshop. They have requested the minutes from the evaluation committee review session. They have also requested a longer submission period for next year's grant application.

4. New Business: Judy has received a request to have Yvonne Dunetz's Celebrate Nashua video segment put up on the NAC website. There is a link to the whole video on the front page of the City of Nashua's website. Judy will contact Yvonne to see if the segments that are about the arts can be extracted for the NAC page.

Officer Elections: Tracy Hall has stepped down as chair so a new chair needs to be elected. John nominated and Lindsay seconded Mitzi for chair. Marc nominated and Rachel seconded Judy as chair. NAC members voted and it was a tie. John made a motion and Marc seconded the vote be tabled until February. Motion carries.

Discussion about NAC Future: Mitzi raised the questions of what the NAC should focus on in the next year and if the NAC needs to meet every month. All NAC members were asked what their thoughts were.

- Is it time to revise/review the Arts and Culture Plan
- Set up simple by-laws for the NAC
- Create a welcome/orientation packet for new NAC members.
- Continue to give out grants & have workshops.
- If there are to be fewer meetings there will need to have more active working groups.

Lindsay suggested we create a list of the top 3 priorities. After discussion the 3 main areas of focus are suggested to be:

- Grants Process (current working grp members: Mitzi, Tracy, Paul, Marc, Judy)
- Policy & Procedure (current working grp members: Judy)
- Education and Professional Development. (current working grp members: Rachel, Lindsay, Marc, Judy)

NAC members are asked to decide on how they would like to be involved in these 3 areas going forward.

5. Public Comment: Sarah Casesar and Jennifer LaTouche are looking forward to joining the NAC. The primary focus of the NAC was explained to them.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marc and seconded by John. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 am