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MINUTES
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7 pm
Cocheco Room
33 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

Arts and Culture
Commission

Matt Wyatt (Chair)
Elaine Lauterborn
Amy Regan
Katie Hogan O'Connor,
Poet Laureate
Liz Tonkins-Agea
Beth Wittenberg
Amy Cann

Present

Matthew Wyatt, *Chair*
Elaine Lauterborn, City Council Representative
Amy Reagan
Katie O'Conner
Liz Tonkins-Agea

(The minutes were Approved May 18, 2018)

Call to Order

Mr. Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

I. Recap of Rochester Arts Awards

There was a general discussion regarding the Rochester Arts Awards in 2017. There is a film link on the website for the event. Next year it will be move back to the Governors Inn for August 13. This will reduce expenses because there will not be a need for a tent. There were not enough drinks for people last year. There were 100 people in attendance for the event. How do we get more people to celebrate the arts?

II. Election of New Chair and Vice Chair

The commission voted for Matt Wyatt to serve as the Chair and Liz Tonkins-Agea to serve as Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Ms. Lauterborn and seconded by Ms. O'Conner to elect Matt Wyatt as Chair and Liz Tonkins- Agea to serve as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Statement of Interest

The Commission members discussed how to get more members to join the Commission. Sherri who owns the Artisan Gallery would be a great business member addition.

IV. Contact information for City Clerk

The Commission members updated the information for the City Clerk's office.

V. Schedule for 2018

The next Arts and Culture Commission meeting will be held May 17, 2018 to plan for the Rochester Arts Awards.

VI. Rochester Art Awards

- Rochester Art Awards 2017 recap
- Select honorees

The Commission members discussed some honorees for the 2018 Rochester Arts Awards.

- Letter to Honorees

Letters to honorees will be sent out after the meeting in May to attend the Rochester Arts Awards.

- Website update

Mr. Wyatt has been working on updating the Arts and Culture website.

VII. Other business

Ms. Lauterborn discusses reaching out to other contacts to join the Arts and Culture Commission. Mr. Wyatt gave an update of the shows at the Rochester Opera House and Rochester Performing Arts Center. Ms. O'Conner asked about a poetry wall in the city. The Commission recommended that she reach out to the recreation department.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Lauterborn and seconded by Ms. O'Conner to adjourn at 8:50pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mears
Senior Planner