



Art-Speak

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION

September 15, 2008 Board Meeting Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg, *Chair*
Chris Greiner
Jane James
Kay Maneen
Steve McHenry
Anna Nuttall
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson

Absent:

Russell Grazier
Blair Hundertmark
John McCluggage

Also:

Sue Cobler

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 6:40pm.

1. **Review of Minutes**

The August 25, 2008 minutes were approved with one correction.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Kay Maneen presented the board with a revised 7/31/08 budget as well as budget as of 8/31/08. See attached reports.

Leanne Spees presented the board with a final 2008-2009 budget as of June 30, 2008. See attached report.

3. **Art-Speak Board of Director's Retreat**

Sue Cobler reported that the board retreat will occur on Monday, September 29 from 8am – 2pm. Maria Sillari's cost will not exceed \$1000. Ellen Fineberg and Sue spoke with Maria about the schedule for the day. Some optimal outcomes of the retreat will be to create some short and long term goals around the strategic plan, as well as review and improve communication. Maria will send out a survey to the board in advance of the retreat.



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4. Task Force Reports

a. Overnight Art

- i. Chris Greiner reported that the scheduled “Meet the Artists” event and scavenger hunt was cancelled due to the forecasted rain. He also suggested that the committee meet to de-brief the event and solicit feedback from the artists.
- ii. There are some pledges that have still not been received and Sue Cobler will let the committee know what pledges remain outstanding. Sue will also coordinate the removal of the art with the artists and the Public Works Department. The pieces will be taken down by the end of the month.
- iii. Jane James discussed creating public art acquisition guidelines.
- iv. Sue is applying for a planning grant due at the end of the month for a possible public art piece on Market Street Extension.

b. Nominating Committee

- i. No report.

5. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, *Secretary*



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Meeting Notes**

Art-Speak, City Cultural Commission Board of Directors (alpha order)

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John McCluggage
Steve McHenry
Anna Nuttall
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees, *Acting Vice Chair*
Deb Thompson, *Secretary*
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*