



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH | CULTURAL COMMISSION
May 18, 2009 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg, *Chair*
Russell Grazier
Chris Greiner
Jane James
Steve McHenry
Anna Nuttall
Sheila Shea
Deb Thompson

Absent:

Blair Hundertmark
Leanne Spees

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 6:41pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The April 20, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ellen reviewed the treasurer's report in Leanne's absence. The budget as of 4/30/2009 is attached. Russ Grazier suggested that the board find ways to better document volunteer hours on our fiscal statement.

3. Approval of Art-Speak/City Annual MOU extension

Ellen presented a draft of the agreement as well as a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Portsmouth. Russ made a motion that the Board approve the Agreement with the City of Portsmouth ("Agreement") and the Memorandum of Understanding with the single edit that point number 4 of the Agreement shall only include the first two sentences the draft. The motion was seconded by Steve McHenry. The motion was unanimously approved.

Addendum: On May 19, 2009, there was a unanimous vote via email in favor of adopting the following language to the Agreement:

"The City shall retain services of an independent contractor selected in consultation with Art-Speak. Such contractor shall be assigned to serve as coordinator of Art-Speak



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under a separate agreement to be negotiated between the contractor and the City. Such independent contractor shall be paid from any available funds, with a maximum City contribution to the compensation of the Contractor being \$20,000.00 for the term of this agreement. The City contribution for this purpose may be renegotiated for subsequent terms of this agreement.”

4. Committee Priorities Review/Task Force Reports

a. Symposium

- i. Ellen reported that symposium will be held at Fire Station One on Court Street on June 23rd from 5:30-7:30. Assistant Fire Chief Steve Achilles and artist Emile Birch will speak at the symposium.

b. Space

- i. Steve reported that the committee met on 5/4/09. Members of the committee met with Eric Chinburg about live/work space.
- ii. Carla Goodknight, Stephanie Ancona, Jane James and Steve met with Rick Hopley and Rick Taintor regarding live/work zoning definitions. The 2009 International Building Codes, which have yet to be adopted by the city, reflect detailed definitions of live/work space.
- iii. The next meeting regarding the Islington Street Study is on June 24th.

c. Nominating

- i. Russ made a motion to extend the board service terms of Ellen Fineberg and Jane James by one year. The motion was seconded by Steve. The motion was unanimously approved.
- ii. A slate of new board members along with a slate of officers for FY2010 will be presented to the Board for approval at the next Board Meeting.

5. Seacoast Local Festival

The festival will take place on June 6th. Art-Speak will participate and Sheila Shea will coordinate the event. Sheila will contact Sue and request that she help to put together materials for the event.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, *Secretary*



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

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Leanne Spees, *Treasurer*
Deb Thompson, *Secretary*
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*