



Art-Speak
3 CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION

**August 17, 2009 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes – to be approved**

In Attendance:

Russell Grazier
Chris Greiner
Jane James, *Chair*
Steve McHenry
Peter Michaud
Anna Nuttall
Sheila Shea

Absent:

Ellen Fineberg
Blair Hundertmark
Leanne Spees

Also:

Sue Cobler

Jane James began the meeting at 6:40pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The June 15, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Review of Strategic Planning Session

- a. Jane James recommended the board look into recruiting volunteers to help with workload of potential Art-Speak email newsletter.

3. Meeting with Celina Adams re Contract Work with NH Charitable Foundation

- a. This was a preliminary meeting, discussing potential work Art-Speak could do on behalf of the Foundation vis-a-vis the exhibition of artwork related to their Artist's Advancement Grant. Anna Nuttall reported that Celina Adams will be getting back to us.
- b. Steve McHenry suggested that the Discover Portsmouth Center be looked out as a possible exhibition space.
- c. The NH State Council on the Arts has asked if Art-Speak would be the fiscal agent for a project grant the Council is disbursing. A letter has been given to the City Attorney for review.



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4. Funding Committee

- a. Jane James reported that she is in the process of recruiting people to sit on an informal “brainstorming group” which will meet a few times, but not be a standing committee.
- b. The goal of the meetings will be to discuss funding options and set goals for the eventual standing committee.

5. Overnight Art Recommendations

- a. Chris Greiner reported that the exploratory committee will try to raise \$10K towards the \$25K project budget by November 1. If successful, the committee feels they can raise the additional \$15K needed to fund the project. In the meantime the committee will continue to work as if the project is going to go forward.

6. Committee Reports

a. Outreach and Education:

- i. NH State Council on the Arts grant for ArtWorks was awarded.
- ii. Anna Nuttall reported that she has already begun planning logistics and networking for what will be a spring 2010 ArtWorks project.

b. Public Art

- i. Jane James read the Public Art Draft Acquisition Policy that will be vetted by the City Attorney.
- ii. Jane James mentioned that the committee would like to look into the creation of a comprehensive list of public art in the City.

c. Space

- i. The committee has not met since the previous board meeting, but is prepared to send a representative(s) to the last public hearing on the City’s proposed new zoning ordinance.
- ii. Jane James recommended that board members attend the public hearing. Steve McHenry will draft a list of talking points.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Meeting notes taken by Chris Greiner, *Secretary*



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John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*