

**Cultural Planning Subcommittee
of the Portsmouth Arts and Nonprofit Committee
Minutes of the Noon - February 6, 2023 meeting
In the Haas Family Gallery, Portsmouth Music and Arts Center, PMAC**

Present:

- Russ Grazier, meeting chair - (Ports Arts and Nonprofits Committee (PANC) member)
- Alan Chace – academic and Navy vet
- Jeffrey Cooper- local furniture maker, Ports Listens Steering Com., NH Furniture Masters
- Ellen Fineberg – 2002 Cultural Arts Master Plan participant
- Gerado Gonzalez – publicity consultant
- Amanda Kidd-Kestler – NHAA exec director
- Robin Lurie-Meyerkopf – Ports. Historical Society, ArtSpeak
- John Mayer – local resident and retired museum professional
- Karen Rosania – new to Portsmouth, a studio artist, teaches at the Senior Center
- Ed Simeone (alternate) – Players Ring artistic director, NHAA
- Jason Goodrich – (PANC) Seacoast Repertory Theatre, historic Portsmouth family
- Karen Battles (alternate) – Mixed media artist, Historical Society, NHAA
- Ben van Camp –Ports. Chamber of Commerce
- Kate Cook – City Counselor liaison to CPS
- Sean Clancy – Asst. City Manager for Economic Dev and liaison to CPS

Joining by Zoom

- Tom Kaufhold – LGBTQ activist
- Suzanne Danforth (alternate) – native of Portsmouth
- Barbara Massar – Pro Portsmouth, Portsmouth 400 (PANC)

Regrets –

- Emma Stratton – Ports. Historical Society
- Beth Falconer - (PANC) – 3S Artspace
- Courtney Perkins – (PANC) PPAF
- Tina Sawtelle – (PANC) Music Hall

1. Russ Grazier called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.
2. Everyone Note that for future meetings Kate Cook will help set up for Zoom participation for any members not able to attend in person. In addition to members of the subcommittee, all members of PANC are invited to attend our meetings.
3. All present were invited to introduce themselves and share their interest in being part of the cultural planning project.
4. Russ shared the names of people who had offered to serve as an officer of the committee. From that list the following were nominated, seconded and approved unanimously

Co-chairs for this subcommittee

- John Mayer
- Karen Rosania

Secretary

- Jeffrey Cooper

Note that Robin Lurie-Meyerkopf has offered to fill in if Jeffrey is absent

5. Dates for upcoming meetings have been previously circulated, locations will rotate between various venues. Next meeting will be March 13, location to be announced

6. Alternate members are full participants in the work of the committee, but non-voting, but will become voting members if a member drops out for any reason. If a voting member is absent from two consecutive meetings, he or she will become an alternate and an alternate will become a voting member.

7. Public input will comprise a major portion of the work of the committee. Ellen Fineberg will report on what methods were used in the 2002 Cultural Arts plan. She will circulate that information prior to our next meeting for our review.

8. Counselor Cook reports that the City Council has provided a budget for our committee to hire an outside consultant. The role of the consultant will be to publicize and coordinate public input sessions, and synthesize results into concise form. A concern is that the time taken to draft a 'scope of work' find and contract such an individual is lengthy, and may not be in place timely to our needs.

9. A survey here in Portsmouth by Americans For The Arts (AFTA) is currently underway, through April 2023. Robin LM will circulate a past report done here in Portsmouth, as this is the fourth time Portsmouth has participated.

10. Social Media will play a part in our efforts but we will use currently existing City resources for this rather than create our own.

11. Our efforts will entail a review of the 2002 plan, what worked and what didn't, why and why not. Implementation of our recommendations must be built into the plan, which means identifying partners and coordinating with them both during our efforts and following up. Portsmouth Neighborhood Association, UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Listens and Portsmouth Listens were mentioned.

12. Councilor Cook will report to us on how and when we are to present our report to the City Council and what their approval process will be.

13. Motion to adjourn made and seconded, unanimously approved at 1:30 PM

- Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Cooper, Secretary