



**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 5, 2007**

Commission Members Present: Jan Ostler, Jan Schmuckal, Tim Vetang, Mary Ann Diggory, Carolyn Hill, Monica Jenkins, Victor Portincaso, David Fujimoto (Arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

Absent: Bobb Hillery

Others Present: Administrative Analyst Kim Warren, 2nd Ward Alderman William Barclay, RiverPark of Geneva members Sharon Jones and Mary Zaander.

The Cultural Arts Commission Meeting was called to order by Mr. Vetang at 7:03 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Roll Call

2. Amendments to Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda

3. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2007

Ms. Hill noticed that the month was incorrect on the minutes from March. Ms. Diggory moved to approve the minutes with the correction to the month and the motion was seconded by Ms. Schmuckal. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Sharon Jones-RiverPark of Geneva

Ms. Jones gave a brief history about the RiverPark project. She explained how the project was conceived, funded and brought to reality. The project is now finished and will be handed over to the City on June 9, 2007. Ms. Jones and Ms. Zaander encouraged the Cultural Arts Commission to use the park for events.

5. Croissy Video presented by Jan Schmuckal

Ms. Schmuckal played a video that was given to her by the ICEC. The film was in French so Ms. Schmuckal had to explain what it was about. The video touched on the history of Croissy, France and also showed many of the festivals that they have during the year. This was very helpful to understand their culture which will be needed when there is an artist exchange. There was discussion as to what CAC could do help ICEC organize for an artist visit.

6. Geneva Car Show Update

Ms. Warren reported that she responded to the car show group that the CAC would be unable to organize the entertainment for their 9 week schedule.

7. Shakespeare in the Park Update

Ms. Jenkins reported on a meeting that she and Mr. Vetang had met with the Park district for scheduling the event in Island Park. The Park District will require 1 employee to be present and CAC will be responsible for that cost. The alternative date of July 28th will not be available. The Park district will need to be mentioned in the advertising of the event.

Ideas were discussed for the advertising of the event. There also was discussion on how to raise money at the event. Mr. Portincaso reported that he had contacted “The Private Bank” and “Sho-Deen Construction” about possible sponsorship of the event. Responses had not been received yet. Ideas of how to advertise the sponsors was discussed.

8. Film Festival Update

Mr. Portincaso presented some information that he had found on traveling film festivals along with his ideas of how the event should be presented. There were two traveling festivals presented, “Gadabout” and “Nextframe”. There were questions as to the attendance that these festivals draw. There also were questions on the ability to preview the films first and if the companies could supply references. Mr. Portincaso said that he would look into these items.

9. Web Based Calendar

Ms. Warren updated CAC on the progress that has been made in meetings with other City departments that will be sharing the calendar. She reported that there still are discussions that are needed on the limitations and expectations of the calendar. No decisions have been made to date.

10. Calendar of Events FY2007/2008

Ms. Warren handed out a draft of the application the City of Geneva requires to hold an event. She also prepared a calendar of currently scheduled events for the coming year. There were discussions on when CAC would like to hold all of their events. Mr. Vetang suggested that subcommittees be formed for each event. Ms. Warren will add subcommittee appointments to the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Commissioner Appointments May1, 2007

Ms. Warren reported that there was only one application sent in for the open commission chair. It was decided that CAC would leave the chair open one more month in hopes that more volunteers would apply in order to have a list to choose from. Ms. Warren will also contact applicants from the original list that SPAC had to see if any of those applicants were still interested.

Ms. Warren has obtained the format used by SPAC to form the current commission and it was agreed that format would be followed. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

12. Other Business

Ms. Oster informed every body of a program that the Arts Forum was running at Delnor Community Hospital called “Arts in Healing”. She asked all members to help support it.

Mr. Portincaso presented an idea for a fundraiser. He handed out a brochure on an accomplished singer “Maureen Christine” who also happens to be a local merchant. It was suggested that a dinner/show featuring her entertainment could be used to help raise money.

Mr. Barclay who was the winner of the raffle at the CAC reception in February wanted to thank Ms. Schmuckal for donating the painting that now hangs in his living room. He and his wife Esther Barclay also generously donated \$100 to the CAC.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was moved to adjourn by Ms. Jenkins and seconded by Ms. Schmuckal at 9:04 pm. Motion passed 8-0