

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

June 13, 2023 at 6:00pm Town Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm.

In attendance: Debra Smith, Pam Myers-Morgan, Ben Buckley, Morgan Santos, Ben Reeder, Justin Glazebrook, & Joshua Skovlund (on Zoom)

Public Forum

None

Welcomed new members - Ben Reeder and Justin Glazebrook (town council rep)

Old Business

Ben R. made motion to accept May 2, 2023 minutes. Motion seconded and accepted unanimously.

Correspondence

Main Street Corp -Debra met with Mike Hoffman, President, about a potential mural downtown on bridge above one of Chinburg's buildings at the mills by the river. Discussion to continue on joint venture. Suggested contact with Walldogs Murals Group as done in Keene, NH to see if they would be interested in taking on murals project downtown as well as Elm Street mural renovation. Cost of project would be materials, housing and food for artists. They provide the creative talent.

Project Updates

<u>Summer Music in the Park-</u> Morgan reported three restaurants definitely in - Gepetto's Pizza, Jonny Boston's and Kume. Morgan and Ben will push to get more in in the next few days. Also responsible for coupon layout set up so they can present the "maybes" with the layout for maximum effect. They will also coordinate printing with Town Manager office and distribution at concerts.

<u>ACT Video Production Update</u>- Majority of video shooting complete. Editing remains with goal for completion by Aug 2 or before so that it can be used at Backyard Bash.

<u>Artist Among Us Pocket Park</u> - Artist rotation is set up for the next year. Mini Art Gallery exterior painting by Good Juju. It should be ready on 6/14 with the Rec Center box on 6/15. Debra purchased "little people" figurines for inside the galleries. Suggested acquiring other sets so we have diversity in galleries.

- 6/14 DPW is installing first mini art gallery
- 6/16 Ribbon cutting 5-7pm
- 6/17 Garden Tour (Pocket Park is part of this). Rock painting station for AC&T Event Volunteers- Pam & Ben B. 10a-2p; Morgan & Josh 12-2p

300th Anniversary - Pam reported no new updates as of this date

<u>Walking Tour</u> - Pam and John attending Board Meeting 6/15 Looking into App for streamline tours

New Business

<u>Photography Project Preliminary Plan</u>- Ben R presented photo mosaic in "Welcome to Newmarket" Mural concept. "I'm a Newmie" campaign to be launched for fundraising and to solicit photos from professionals and residents for mosaic. Location, process & costs for mural still to be determined. Overall Commission liked direction of project. More info to follow. Debra suggested we use this project for Community Engagement Arts grant. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Our next meeting will be held on July 11, 2023 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Morgan Santos