

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
CULTURAL COMMISSION
August 12, 2021**

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Samar Sakakini, Kira Macyda, Bill Tesen, Anthony Davis, Hasina Abdu, Tania Ganguly, Darian Moore, Virginia Thorne-Herrmann, Greg Hohenberger, Ben Frick, Jon LaFever, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

Absent: Nick Brandon, Thomas Paden, Elena Semenov, Neha Rao, Husain Haidri, Ken Bhuva, Jason Davis

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Samar Sakakini at 6:09pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to add item B under New Business for "Committee Groups." Motion by Thorne-Herrmann, supported by A. Davis to accept the amended agenda of August 12, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Abdu, supported by Moore to accept the meeting minutes of June 10, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. How Do You Spell Canton? Update

- One submission so far
- Look into cable to see if they aired the PSA
- Members to solicit gift cards for the winner. Use the Chamber of Commerce if needed.

B. Who's your Hero Project

- One submission
- Look into cable to see if they aired the PSA

C. Artist Laureate Fundraising

- Option to scale down the program
- Will discuss if there is an interested committee in new agenda item

D. Program scoring system

- Need help creating a score template
- Committee will consist of staff and Cultural Commission members
- Looking for 5-8 people total
- Done by the end of the year
- Include LSAC committee

E. Data Source List

- Tania is developing

- Tania will send to Jessi to share with the group and to add others
- Review once a year to keep up to date

F. Chair Report

- Quarterly Reports – send to Jessi
 - Many events to attend on the events list distributed
 - Volunteer opportunities to take advantage of
- Look into doing a tour of the Arts Factory, Village Theater and Preservation Park on September 30th. Will check Factory and Theater calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Fundraising Committee

- Old T-shirts available, please take one
- Name Tags – look into ordering name tags for the group
- Canton Campaign is a fundraising idea to sell at booths – Jessi to share with Peg

B. Committee Groups

- Current committees listed on the wall (Jessi put up sheets on wall listing all committees and sub-committees.) Please help fill out the tasks and sign up for any committees you are interested in being a part of
- Jessi will compile the list and send to the group for absent members to volunteer as well

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Partnership for the Arts & Humanities

- Off and running in the spring 2021
- Lot's of events are going on:
 - Concerts and Cars (4) events
 - Evening for the Arts was in July with silent auction – huge success
 - Using Fundraisers to pay for the loan
 - Cherry Hill Festival August 21 and 22
 - Golf Outing – September 17th at Pheasant Run
- All spaces in the factory are full
- Dorm is occupied
- Website is great
- Suggested to get advertisement out there more

B. Multicultural Committee

- International Festival to take place November 13th. Changed to be shorter and indoors this year.
 - Commission to help backstage
 - 3:00pm for 2-3 hours with food

C. Historical Society - <http://www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org/>

- B4 tickets are for sale – September 11

- Need volunteers – contact Paula or Jessi if interested
- 3 beer vendors so far and bands are lined up
- Museum is going well – so far about 170 walk throughs
- Barn now has a TV up on the wall running on a loop

D. Resident Art Groups

Michigan Philharmonic - <https://www.michiganphil.org/>

- Concert Saturday at Plymouth Library
- Fundraiser at Wilcox House on August 28th

Dance

- None

PCEP

- None

Village Theater

- Partner groups are back to renting
- 2021 events:
 - Detroit Circus NYE
 - Christmas with the Celtics
 - Nutcracker and Central City Dance
- SVOG grant to help with benefits, wages, utilities, etc.
- 2022-2023 season are in the development stages
- Shakespeare will be back in 2022

Update from Greg:

Picnic in the Park

- Scheduled for September 24, 2021 with a rain date of September 25, 2021
- Will be held from 5-9pm at Heritage Park
- Food, entertainment and fireworks (No rides)

ROUND TABLE

A. Quarter Report

- If you participate in any events or gatherings, please fill out report and send to Jessi before next meeting

B. Additional Public Comment

- There will be a 9/11 event taking place this year on Saturday, September 11th at 9:00am
 - Information will be sent out
 - Focus will be on the hate crimes increase since 9/11
- Diwali event taking place October 22 – in the early planning stages

- There is a Spotlight Players event taking place at the Theater on 9/11 as well

C. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion by Tesen, supported by A. Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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