

Southampton Arts and Culture Committee

Minutes of the Southampton Arts and Culture Committee (SHACC)

Meeting Date: Monday, November 27 2017 at 6:30 pm

I. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Southampton Arts and Culture Committee (SHACC), Chair Hope Sandrow presiding, held in the Lower Level Conference, Town Hall, 116 Hampton Road, Southampton, New York on November 27 2017.

Members Present:

Hope Sandrow, Chair

Members Absent:

Geoffrey Drummond

April Gornik

Dorothy Lichtenstein

Minerva Perez

Elka Rifkin

Brenda Simmons

Terrie Sultan

Shane Weeks

Ex-Officio Members/Liaisons Absent

Jay Schneiderman, Town Supervisor

Guests

David Bunn Martine

Denise Silva-Dennis

James Slezak

Jane Iselin

Dan Weldon

Marissa Cangiolosi

Kate Gilroy

Pamela Collins

Marissa Bridge

Caterina Verde

Andrea Cote

Kathy Gristina

Edwina von Gal

Sylvia Hommert

II. Introduction of attendees

III. Communications

November 7, 2017: Notice of Meeting

November 14 2017: Notice of meeting date changed

November 24 2017: meeting agenda.

IV. Reports, Updates

1. Calendar of Arts and Culture Committee

Members Jane Iselin, James Slezak, Caterina Verde continue discussion: all present agree that a log in feature for participating organizations to self post with one or two people hired (expense unknown before calendar is functional) to oversee. Jane reports organizations respond enthusiastically to a SHACC website solely dedicated to event listings (linked to Town website) as much needed: their sole concern for participating is expense. James suggests events displayed in the form of a list that scrolls back in time (as an archive) as well as forward to future events. David Bunn Martine prefers calendar mode. Kate Gilroy suggests color coding categories for ease in visually sorting events targeted audience. Marissa suggests use of website optimization. Edwina mentions a service aka calendar for scheduling benefits avoiding conflicting dates that might be of help, reference: will forward contact info to Jane. Sylvia says Ross

students could potentially be interested as interns - where her two children are students. Pamela Collins, Southampton High School Art teacher, agrees her School's Students might be also.

2. Art and Culture Programming and Education on the East End

Retired Southampton Schools art teacher Denise Silva-Dennis opens discussion with colleagues Pamela Collins (Southampton High School), Andrea Cote (education director, Watermill Center), David Bunn Martine (Director Shinnecock Cultural Center). Agreeing that transportation is an access issue needed to overcome. Another is that school teachers do not want to lose their class time to extra curricular art programming observed by Hamptons Film Festival Manager of Outreach and Education Marissa Cangioli, who recommends building art programming on around subjects focused in that school's semester. Kate Gilroy brings up the subject of high rents, which are a hardship for artists trying to reside with their families in the east end. The challenge of finding affordable studio space. Discussion centers on the the Town allocating now empty buildings (from CPF acquisitions) transformed into studio spaces at affordable rates for artist. Also living space.

V. New Business

1. A natural environment our cultural heritage.

Landscape designer, PRFCT EARTH PRJCT founder/director Edwina Von Gal invites those present to propose a signage project. She's completed three with East End artists April Gornik, Mary Heilman and Maya Lin focused on "artfully engaging the SH Town Community in making a commitment to toxin free landscaping. Southampton institutions already practicing non toxic lawns and gardens include Bridge Gardens, Madoo Conservancy, SH Hospital, Rose Society. Artists Marissa Bridge and Filmmaker Kate Gilroy discuss their work projects in East Quogue and Montauk.

2 Good Ground Park, Hamlet of Hampton Bays

Southampton Town Department of Parks and Recreation Kathy Gristina presented information on the Towns newest park that opened last summer. She asked those in attendance to consider suggestions for a logo, and "naming" the performance series which will have an extended scheduled in 2018. Contact Kathy. [For those interested in entertainment opportunities apply here.](#)

VI. Open Comment

None.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Hope Sandrow; seconded by those present.

Motion carried. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:45pm.

Scheduled Meetings

The next general meeting scheduled for December 18 at 6:30 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room.

General Meetings convened every third Monday at 6:30 pm.

The next quarterly Committee member meeting scheduled for Monday January 15, 2018.

Minutes Taken By:

Hope Sandrow, chair

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