

City of Greenbelt
Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for May 2, 2023
Meeting held at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Tom LeaMond, Vijay Parameshwaran, Judy Parker, Barbara Stevens

Members Absent with prior notice: Tatiana Ausema, John Drago, Oliver Gaycken, Shaymar Higgs, Kristin Stenson

Others Present: Amanda Larsen, Visual Arts Coordinator

1. Call to order: Tom LeaMond called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. We did not have a quorum (5 members required).

2. Amendment/approval of the agenda: No action due to lack of quorum.

3. Amendment/approval of the February minutes: No action due to lack of quorum.

4. May 21 (1:00 pm) Arts Mixer: This is an informal happy hour type event for artists, arts organizations, and art enthusiasts in Greenbelt to help us determine what people want from the AAB and the City in arts programming. FONDCA has agreed to co-sponsor it with \$100 for food. AAB also provides \$100 for food. Tom will ask the New Deal about getting happy hour pricing during the event. This could be a good recruiting event to fill the two open positions on the AAB, we could provide information on the AAB and a description of AAB duties. Other things to discuss at the mixer include interest in poet laureate, etc.

To advertise the mixer we will place a paragraph in the News Review inviting artists, arts organizations and art enthusiasts and mentioning the two open positions on the AAB. Amanda will make a flyer for the mixer with a QR code to post on bulletin boards at Community Center. Invitations will be emailed to Tom's old list and Amanda's new list of contacts.

Individual invitations will be sent to City Council and AAB members. Pre-printed name tags with name, organization, and position will be made for members of AAB, City Council, and staff. RSVPs for general attendance will help estimate numbers for food service. Self made name tags for attendees will be available at the event and will encourage Name, Organization, and Interest.

5. October 1 (time?) Arts Crawl: We began to discuss what the main focus of the event should be. Is it

- a. An opportunity to see inside Greenbelt Theater, GAC, and New Deal
- b. Organization tabling, or
- c. Musical entertainment?

Perhaps we had too many things going on last year: venues, tables, music, and maybe we should just focus on one thing? At our June meeting, we will begin planning in more detail for the event.

6. Round robin. Vijay brought to our attention that poetry and the spoken word are increasingly becoming part of most public events and the arts.

Amanda said this Sunday, May 7 (1:00-4:00 pm) is the Studio Open House at the Community Center. She encouraged AAB members to attend and help spread the word about the Arts Mixer on May 21.

Tom said we are still having trouble getting a quorum at AAB meetings.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Community Center (Amanda will let us know which room). We will discuss follow-up from the mixer and plan the arts crawl.

AAB members include: Tatiana Ausema, John Drago, Oliver Gaycken, Shaymar Higgs, Tom LeaMond (Chair), Vijay Parameshwaran, Judy Parker, Kristin Stenson, Barbara Stevens (Secretary)