

# **The City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board Meeting**

December 4, 2012

## **Present:**

Board Members: Tatiana Ausema (Chair), John Drago, Oliver Gaycken, Mark Granfors-Hunt (Vice Chair), Cassandra Harper, Gale Martineau, Anna Socrates (Secretary), Shane Wisdom

Members absent with notice: Tiahna Nugent

Members absent without prior notice: Mary Harrison, Virginia Zanner

Staff Liaison: Nicole DeWald

Meeting started at 7:10 p.m.; quorum reached at 7:15 p.m.

The minutes for the October meeting were approved by acclamation.

No new agenda items were added.

## **REMINDER THAT JANUARY MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 (Please note that this is the second Tuesday of the month)**

New AAB members Oliver Gaycken and Cassandra Harper were introduced

Anna Socrates delivered a brief update about November mini Meet and Greet at the November Artful Afternoon.

Tatiana Ausema delivered a brief history of the AAB's involvement in recommending contribution and recognition groups and AAB's development of a draft public arts policy, which is now with the City manager for his review.

### **Meeting Focus: January Meet and Greet**

The AAB Meet and Greet for the Greenbelt arts community will be held as part of January's Artful Afternoon program on Sunday 1/6, from 2-4 in the Community Center.

AAB will generate a draft letter, which Nicole will circulate among arts organizations. As Secretary, Anna Socrates will draft a letter and attach it to these minutes.

Anna Socrates will also draft a shorter invitation that can be shared on personal Facebook pages and the Rec Department Facebook page.

Other ideas of publicizing: reach out to local bloggers Susan Harris and Eric Zhang. Also reach out to the Greenbelters and Greenbelt Community Listservs.

### **Brainstormed Goals for the meet and greet**

1. Give the Greenbelt arts community a chance to meet us, learn about what we do, and associate faces with names
2. AAB wants to hear what is important to you as members of the Greenbelt arts community
3. AAB wants to meet arts-related groups that aren't necessarily contribution and recognition groups.
4. AAB wants to foster a space where members of different arts-related groups can have a chance to talk to each other and facilitate an arts-related dialogue.

### **Logistics:**

1. Food: Nicole will check to see if there is a budget to provide snacks. UPDATE: Nicole checked and there is some money for snacks, but we will need a Board member to volunteer to coordinate this and pick up the snacks.
2. Signage and Nametags: Nicole can provide these
3. Room and table. Nicole will arrange for either room 112 or 114, and a table set up.
4. Materials: copies of the rec department materials and the November surveys can be provided. Arts organizations can leave materials with us to share. UPDATE: Nicole checked with the City Manager about the public arts policy and the report has not yet gone to City Council, therefore, it would be premature for us to share the working draft

at this point.

5. Notetaking: Tatiana Ausema will bring a pad of paper.
6. Publicity: all AAB members should publicize this among their contacts, using social media and their networks.

Other business: Susan Harris will be invited to our January meeting. At the January meeting, we will discuss next steps for the AAB.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Draft Letter to Arts Groups.

Dear [arts organization]:

Looking forward to a new year full of promise and possibility, the City of Greenbelt's Arts Advisory Board is hosting a meet and greet at the January 6 Artful Afternoon from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for all members of Greenbelt arts organizations and all individuals interested in or already participating in the arts. This event will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center; please check the white board in the lobby for our room reservation. This is a great opportunity to bring together artists, musicians, actors, dancers, poets, writers, arts organizations, and arts-minded individuals and spark an arts-related conversation!

If you can attend, please RSVP to Anna Socrates, Secretary of the Arts Advisory Board: [annasoc1@verizon.net](mailto:annasoc1@verizon.net).

If you or your members cannot make this event, we'd also be happy to share materials about your upcoming programs or activities. Please direct your materials to the attention of Nicole DeWald at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Thanks, and hope to see you in January.

Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board

Draft blurb

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*Approved by acclamation: 9/3/13*