

Minutes

The City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board September 4, 2012

Present: Board members Tatiana Ausema (Chair), Anna Socrates (Chair Elect - 7:15pm), Ginny Zanner, John Drago, Shane Wisdom (7:40pm), Mark Granfors-Hunt and Mary Harrison; Nicole DeWald (staff liaison); Konrad Herling (Council Liaison); Peter Chiu (guest).

Members absent with prior notice: Tiahna Nugent

Members absent without prior notice: Gale Martineau

Meeting focus: public arts policy, Board elections

Ms. Ausema opened the meeting at 7:06pm.

The meeting agenda was approved by acclamation.

Board members introduced themselves to guest Peter Chiu. Mr. Chiu shared that he is from Taiwan, where he studied math. He has lived in the United States for 8 years, and is currently living in Greenbelt and working as a cook.

Board members reviewed and made one amendment to the Public Arts Policy draft. Mr. Granfors-Hunt moved that the Board adopt the document as amended. Ms. Socrates seconded the motion. Members unanimously voted to approve the Public Arts Policy, as amended, for recommendation to the City of Greenbelt.

Board members reviewed the latest draft of the Public Art Site Index. Members decided to continue working on the draft during the coming month, with a goal of approving a final version at the October meeting and submitting the Index and the Public Arts Policy to the City Manager thereafter. Additional tasks to be completed on the Index include:

1. Convert the Index to a MS Word table format (M. Harrison)
2. Integrate visual and performing arts program venues in the table (M. Harrison)
3. Add the Old Greenbelt movie theater as a venue for small 2D/low relief visual art or small-scale performing arts (weekday use), (M. Harrison)
4. Complete the column summarizing amenities available at each venue, such as: electricity, bathrooms, lighting, vehicle access and parking, ADA accessibility (M. Harrison)
5. Complete the "recommended for" column, suggesting art forms which could be accommodated at each site (M. Granfors-Hunt); add film as a suggested use where appropriate
6. Obtain photos of all suggested sites for use on the City website (T. Ausema)

The Board conducted its annual election of officers. Following discussion, Ms. Zanner nominated a slate of candidates including: Ms. Ausema (Chair); Mr. Granfors-Hunt (Chair Elect); and Ms. Socrates (Secretary). Ms. Harrison seconded the nomination. The candidates were elected in a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed ideas for future activities, including: alternating required business meetings with optional outings to attend Greenbelt arts events; hosting a meet and greet for local artists and arts organizations at an Artful Afternoon; and contributing to local blogs/newsletters that cover Greenbelt arts programs.

The Board discussed members' understanding of the mission of the AAB. Ideas included: expanding opportunities for artists to create and expanding awareness of the arts in Greenbelt. Mr. Herling added that the Board might also: cultivate linkages with other (non-arts) Greenbelt committees and organizations; promote awareness of the City among non-Greenbelt artists; and articulate a vision for the future of the arts in Greenbelt.

Members noted the following upcoming arts events in Greenbelt:

1. September 27: Rexford Follies/ Greenbelt Museum 25th anniversary celebration, at the Greenbelt Arts Center
2. September 30: Second anniversary celebration, Restoration Church, at the former Roosevelt Center post office
3. November 4: Greenbelt Dances! Expo/Artful Afternoon, at the Community Center

Mr. Herling updated the Board on a planned New Year's Eve celebration in Roosevelt Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Socrates, Secretary