

Minutes

The City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board Meeting

March 4/2014

meeting started at 7:04

Present: Members Shane Wisdom, Mark Granfors-Hunt, Anna Socrates, Tatiana Ausema, John Drago, and Oliver Gaycken; Council Liaison Emmett Jordan, Mayor; Staff Liaison Nicole DeWald; guests Carol Griffith, Judith Kornett, News Review reporter (Sam __), Misha R'kingsley, Angella Foster and Molly Lester.

Absent: Cassandra Harper

- 7:04 we had a reporter come and join us (Sam, News Review)
- 7:09 Quorum was formed with arrival of Oliver
- 7:12 John arrived.
- 7:17 Emmett Jordan (Mayor) arrived to sit in
- 7:19 Greenbelt Writers Group arrived. (Carol Griffith)
 - * Carol speaks on her group's trouble in sustaining / gaining members
 - * Carol's group has had a steady budget and is facing no money troubles at the moment
 - * Anna asks if they still hold there spontaneous writers group session, which is doing well with regular meetings from time to time.
 - * Carol says her monthly meeting needs are only a room to write and meet bi-monthly.
 - * Carol speaks about her plans for the upcoming year. She would like to go to the Maryland writers association, and make more programs with published writers and publishing agents.
- 7:33 Session ended
- 7:34 (Judith Kornett) spoke on behalf of the Greenbelt Pottery Guild.
 - * Judith says that her group has had a productive year.
 - * Oliver asks about the relationship between GPG and other groups.
Judith replies that everyone that uses the studio is part of her group.
There all welcomed to participate in. They would like to have as many people participate as possible.
 - * Judith says that her group is growing steady with many activities so there are no real future plans
- 7:44 session ended
- 7:47 Tatiana has Arrived
- 7:48 Transitions Theater arrived. (Misha R'kingsley ,)

- * Misha talks about her groups new members and how more structured they have become.
- * Misha still hopes to produce her “Mental Health” play she had in mind for years.
- * The group is looking towards winter 2014 or spring of 2015 for a deadline of there next production
- * Misha's group has no current needs
- * Misha speaks about her current, missing perspective, is that of a parent who's child has a mental disability

- 8:06 Session ended

- 8:07 (Angella Foster) speaks on behalf alight dance theater + CHEARS collaboration

- * The alight dance theater are planning a show at the 3 sisters gardens in greenbelt.
- * Alight dance theater + CHEARS received a 5k grant for signage and insulation.
- * Angella tells how she has not yet received there funds due to not being able to give a specific time line
- * Green aces has written a letter supporting the project, and city works have also offered there help in terms of insulation.
- * Angella tells that they are waiting for support/approval from city council before they can make a final time-line
- * Angella ask the AAB for a letter of recommendation to the city council for support on there collaboration
- * Tatiana tells that this project would be a good chance to work with some of the proposals with the public arts policy and the policy provides a great framework for this project..
- * Molly brings up the point that council is unaware that a public art policy had been drafted. Tatiana says the policy had been submitted to the city clerk but its current status is still unknown.
- * Tatiana ask Angella what does she need from council to move forward. She replies that she only needs a “ok” from city council that there might be a possibility of 3 possible signage in these 3 sites in the near future

- 8:44 Session End

- 9:01 board did a quick review of the 3 groups we just met.

* Mark says no to leadership roles during this project (leadership should fall with alight and CHEARS) * Tatiana agrees to try to draft a letter to council on behalf of alight dance theater and CHEARS

- 9:17 voting for writing a letter of support for alight dance theater and CHEARS .

* Voting was unanimous

- 9:18 minutes from October were approved by acclamation

- 9:25 meeting adjourn , second by Anna

Planning for Aprils meeting, try to meet with all groups .

Next meeting April 1st

Approved by acclamation, 5/2/17

