

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
CULTURAL COMMISSION
February 10, 2022**

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Kira Macyda, Hasina Abdu, Neha Rao, Husain Haidri, Tania Ganguly, Darian Moore, Greg Hohenberger, Ben Frick, Laura Mortier, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

Excused: Samar Sakakini, Anthony Davis, Bill Tesen

Absent: Nick Brandon, Thomas Paden, Jason Davis, Virginia Thorne-Herrmann

CALL TO ORDER

Did not have enough members in attendance to hold a quorum.

Meeting was unofficially called to order by Chairperson Macyda at 6:05pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Strategic Plan Committee
 - Schedule a virtual meeting in the next month to members who signed up to be on the committee to discuss.
 - Jessi will send out a Survey Monkey to suggest a few dates and times
- B. CLS 2022 Partnership Proposal – events Cultural Commission could support or help promote
 - Women’s International Day – March 12th
 - Juneteenth – June 18th during Liberty Fest
 - Doing a partnership with Jack and Jill
 - Will include presentation of awards and speakers
 - Pride OUTside
 - National Night Out
 - Diwali
 - Do not have to do all these events, can focus on just a couple
- The current programs developed by the Commission are established. We need to help or give input on new events.
 - Perhaps every few years the commission can refocus on new offerings once the current ones have been established
- Metal Art in Heritage Park
 - Looking to get Metal Art in Heritage Park to spell Canton that is large, climbable, a standout piece for the park
 - Laura spoke with a company about the art

- Cost roughly \$20,000
 - Looking for the Commission to help get sponsors – sponsor a letter roughly \$3500 a letter
 - Could tie to “How do you Spell Canton” campaign
 - Work with the Chamber to help solicit to businesses
 - Look for a local artist to design or create based on the requirements. Could be part of the Artist Laureate
 - Laura will call the company to get more information
- Committee to do for 2022:
 - Get performers to open for some Thursday Night Concerts (arts, dance, song, etc.)
 - Artist and Design for the letters for the CANTON metal art
- E-mail Laura your personal connections
- C. Committee Membership and Recruitment
 - Recruit 2 people with an arts background
 - Laura to contact Thomas and Nick from the Chamber and PCEP for new members to fill their roles
 - Recommitment form

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Partnership for the Arts & Humanities

- Working on a Henna Festival

B. Multicultural Committee

- None

C. Historical Society - <http://www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org/>

- Bell Tesen absent

D. Resident Art Groups

Michigan Philharmonic - <https://www.michiganphil.org/>

- Anthony Davis absent

PCEP

- Lockdown at PCEP – students and staff went to virtual schooling after until winter break

Village Theater

- January and February shows have been postponed due to COVID uptick
 - The Holiday shows were the last shows on the big stage
- Chinese Festival is still scheduled for 3/26 – performers are hesitant so show might be smaller due to performers dropping out

- Michigan Shakespeare is back again this year and will be at the Village Theater all season due to the fire in the Jackson location
 - Mask requirements were lifted on February 1st although they are still strongly recommended for guests and still required for staff
- B4 is going through a transition this year. The Canton employee, Gregg King, who works with the Historical Society is retiring in March. The Historical Society will be taking over more of the tasks; however, the Leisure Services staff will still work with them on this event
 - CIP project for 2022 is Cherry Hill Village signage
 - Barn update – Canton has received the insurance settlement. Will be using these funds along with the 2021-2022 Wayne County Park Millage Funding to pay for the new structure.
 - Current plan is to build a new barn but pay tribute to the old
 - The overall budget will be determined by what amenities we want to include (i.e. 4 seasons, restrooms, etc.)
 - Kira suggested it would be nice to use historic pieces to incorporate into the new structure
 - Laura will create a recommit form for the commission to fill out and return. If we do not receive the form back by the deadline, we will assume you are no longer interested in serving on the commission and will be removed as a member.

ROUND TABLE

A. Quarter Report

- REMOVE
- Will just do a roundtable during Public Comment for people to share their experiences
- Kira would like to see added value (how much the volunteer hours saved the Township)

B. Additional Public Comment

- Tania would like to document the historic diverse community
 - Will work with Bill to accomplish this township goal
- Scorecard committee – Jessi to check with Greg to see where this is at

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.