

Vernon Arts Commission ~ Town of Vernon, CT
Minutes

September 12, 2016 @ 7 PM
Arts Center East (ACE), 709 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sandra Justin at 7:05 PM

Attendance: Members Present: Sandra Justin, Bobbi Orne, Lisa Oullette / Guests: Ginnie Gingras

Minutes from previous meetings – June 6; July 19

- ▲ M/S/P that the minutes of the June 6 meeting be corrected to read Regular Meeting.
- ▲ M/S/P that the minutes of the July 19 Special Meeting be approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

- ▲ Account Balances:
 - Friends of VAC - \$1,883.89
- ▲ M/S/P that the Friends of the VAC account be accepted as presented.
 - VAC Town Budget - \$4,840.00
- ▲ M/S/P that the VAC Town Budget be accepted as presented.

Correspondence - No correspondence

Old Business

- ▲ Commissioners and Associate Commissioners –
 - Lisa Oullette is submitting her resignation for the VAC. Accepted with regret!
 - Anne Kuntz has submitted her application to join the VAC. An October approval is expected.
- ▲ Friends of VAC activity
 - Membership – It is time to send out membership letters. This will be discussed at the Oct. 3 meeting.

New Business

- ▲ **Direction of VAC for 2016 -17 year.** A discussion between Arts Commissioners and Town Council woman, Ginny Gingras, commenced. The Arts Commission was concerned that the reduction in funds allocated by the town was an indication of council members wanting the VAC to “go away.” Ms. Gingras said that was not true but was not privy to the discussion that resulted in the motion to reduce the mayor’s proposal by \$2000.

The conversation turned to past and future funding plans of the VAC.

Past funding: Rails-to-Trails Mural Project; the completion of a 2 year mural project in the courtyard of the middle school; the Vernon Chorale; Youth Services dance & art program

Future funding possibilities: Artist in Residence at RHS; dance lessons at Youth Services during vacation days; collaboration with Parks & Rec. for concerts

Ms. Gingras said that she would bring our concerns to other council members.

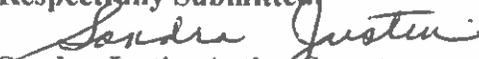
- ▲ **Funding Requests – New**
 - Request from RHS Art Teacher, P. Bengston, for visiting artist
No motion: Further information is needed regarding project
 - Request from Rockville Marching Band to support Festival of Bands Program Book
M/S/P that the VAC buy a \$100 ad

Consideration of Agenda items for next meeting

- ▲ Recommendation of business to be considered at next meeting.

Next Meeting Monday, October 3, 2016 ~ @ 7 PM ~ ACE, 709 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT
Adjournment – 7:50

Respectfully Submitted


Sandra Justin, Acting Secretary

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