

PORTSMOUTH MUSEUM & FINE ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 4, 2016

PRESENT: Sandra Boone
Karen Burgess
Diana Davenport
Regina Goodwyn
Gordon Jones
Lawrence Owes
Donté Owens
Ivan Rodden
Donna Rogers
Robert Scholes
Tanya Street

STAFF: Nancy S. Perry

ABSENT: Billie Montgomery Cook
Bryant Thomas
Robert Wilber

FOUNDATION LIAISON: Martha Fortson

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIAISON: Gwendolyn Murphy-Cayard

Call to Order :

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Owens, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Donté Owens called for a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Scholes made the motion for approval and Sandra Boone seconded.

Committee Reports

The Cultural Arts Committee had met prior to the full commission to discuss whether to and how to move the Cultural Arts District forward.

The committee presented and there was discussion on the disappointment and frustration about not obtaining approval when the concept was presented. Discussion included:

- How to get the proposal back on the City Council Agenda
- How to garner support for the concept prior to the next time it is on the agenda

- Whether we should even move forward
- Challenges that the commission might face

Lawrence Owes and Tanya Street felt that the vision was outstanding, the work that had been done was excellent and that the commission should continue to move forward.

The Cultural Arts Committee decided to call a meeting for October 22nd at 1 p.m. to discuss strategies which will be present at the commission meeting in November.

New Business

Donté Owens recognized Bob Scholes and Sandra Boone for their years of service on the commission and presented them with a plaque.

Announcements

Commissioners were reminded of the Cultural Alliance Roundtable to be held at the Children's Museum on October 6th.

Nancy Perry also reminded the commission of First Friday and the Robert Burrell book signing on October 7th and Military Appreciation Day on October 8th.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.