

PORTSMOUTH MUSEUM & FINE ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 6th, 2017

PRESENT: Karen Burgess
Billie Montgomery Cook
Marlon Deason
Clifford King Harbin
Deborah Hines
Gordon Jones
Matthew Kloeppe
Lawrence Owes
Donté Owens
Angela Robinson
Ivan Rodden
Tanya Street
Robert Wilber

STAFF: Nancy S. Perry
Jessica Pitts

ABSENT: Diana Davenport
Donna Rogers

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIAISON: Gwendolyn Murphy-Cayard

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Robert Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gordon Jones seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Introductions

New commissioners Clifford King Harbin, Marlon Deason, Matthew Kloeppe, and Deborah Hines gave brief introductions and were welcomed by the Commission.

Presentations

Timothy Michalski, Exhibit Supervisor, and Gayle Paul, Curator, gave a brief overview of the upcoming exhibits for the Children's Museum and the Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center. In 2018 the Children's Museum will get two new travelling exhibits, Once upon a Time and Turtle Travels. The Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center will be displaying Imprint, Music Makers, Underground Railroad, and 54-40 Quilters.

Foundation Report

- Ms. Nancy Perry reported that the Foundation had received several monetary donations for the Museums.
- In the month of May, A. Dodson and YELP both raised over \$1700, 757-Give raised over \$1100, while the Churchland Kiwanis raised \$375 through the wishing well located at the Children's Museum.
- The Foundation will also be launching an Annual Fund Drive around their 25th anniversary.
- It was also mentioned that the Elizabeth River Run went well.

Committee Report

Commissioners volunteered to serve on the following committees:

- **Cultural Alliance**- Ms. Karen Burgess (to be approved at the next City Council meeting)
- **Seawall Art Show**- Clifford King Harbin
- **Selection Committee** - Robert Wilber, Karen Burgess, Ivan Rodden, Deborah Hines, Marlon Deason, and Kloeppel
- **Awards Committee** - Robert Wilber (Chair), Marlon Deason, Lawrence Owes, Angela Robinson, and Clifford King Harbin

Old Business

- Billie Cook updated the Commission on community programming ideas that the "Not Just for February Players" were working on.
- "Meet me at Kelly's Cab Stand", an open discussion amongst seniors within the community, sharing their memories, will be moderated by Barbara Hamm Lee. This discussion will be filmed and shown on the local government Portsmouth channel. Official date to be determined.

Announcements

- First Friday- WWI exhibit, July 7th
- Commission Social- **Dock of the Bay** , July 11th at 5 p.m.
- Planetarium Update- Dan Borick will be a full-time employee of the Children's Museum

- Robert Wilber mentioned the possibility of a non-profit “playhouse” production coming to Portsmouth. An improv group from Norfolk, “The Fishers”, would be doing the shows.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.