

The Ansonia Cultural Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 11, 2014

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Members Present

Judith Nicolari
Christine Collicelli
Michelle Gandy
Melissa Torres
James Little
Janet Vitarius Waugh
Ralph Villers

Members Absent

Others Present

Call to order:

Chairman Nicolari called the Ansonia Cultural Commission meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. The recording clerk took a roll call attendance, and a quorum was declared present. (7)P (0)A

Consideration of Previous Minutes:

Chairman Nicolari asked the Commission to review the minutes of May 14, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting.

Janet Vitarius Waugh made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. James Little seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Public Session:

Chairman Nicolari called the Public Session to order.

Caty Poole Executive Director of Massaro Community Farm presents to the Cultural Commission the background of Massaro Farm and what they do today. Mrs. Poole says as part of her outreach program she is trying to get the local community made aware of things going on at the far and events held at Massaro Farm. Mrs. Poole said that Massaro farm gives back food to the community and in the past year has donated approximately 8,000 pounds of food to local charities including the Salvation Army of Ansonia to help local families. Mrs. Poole says beginning last September a Food Core Rep. has been going into Ansonia Schools and introducing new foods, farming, healthy eating, and healthy lifestyles as part of a Food Corps Program. Mrs. Poole asks if Massaro Farms could be on the Cultural Commission website as means to let people know who they are and what they do, just to let people know they are there.

Chairman Nicolari closes the Public Session at 6:33 p.m.

Communications:

Chairman Nicolari received a letter from Valley Community Foundation. Chairman Nicolari says that after answering some questions regarding a grant for the Harvest Festival. The Cultural Commission will receive the expected money from the grant.

Chairman Nicolari also received final confirmation from 102nd Army Band.

Old Business:

Mrs. Vitarius Waugh says the Cultural Commission did not spend more than \$100. on food for the bike festival and Vinny Scarlatta saves the signs to reuse year after year. Mrs. Vitarius Waugh goes on to say the stunt group was sponsored by the Ansonia Rod & Gun club the other stuntman was paid for by Economic Development.

Chairman Nicolari says that next year the street festival will also be done by the Cultural Commission.

New Business:

Chairman Nicolari asks Mr. Little to look over the contracts for the summer concerts.

Mr. Little says the signs will be picked up and put out soon.

Chairman Nicolari says The Bernedettes and Mark Lanzeiri have been paid for.

Chairman Nicolari says that the Cultural Commission receives \$6,000 of its budget for the Harvest Festival from the Mayors budget.

Ms. Torres suggests having a food truck at a few of the summer concerts just to try something different and new.

Ms. Torres goes over the upcoming Ansonia 125 events. The events are as follows:

- June 14th Humphrey House tour from 2-4 p.m. this will be a free event
- June 26th "I Care" Health Fair located at Cornell Scott Hill Health Center on Wakelee Avenue. This will be a free event from 3-6 p.m. This event will include health screenings, face paintings, food, and more.
- June 28th "Touch a Truck" event at the Ansonia Fire Museum will hold this event from 10-2 p.m This is a free event where children and families can explore fire trucks and equipment both old and new. The Fire Museum is located on Howard Avenue.

Date of Next Meeting:

July 09, 2014 6:00 p.m., in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall

Adjournment:

Mrs. Vitarius Waugh made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Ms. Torres seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacquelyn M. Craig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk
Ansonia Cultural Commission

Please note these minutes are written in brief