

The Ansonia Cultural Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 12, 2014

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Members Present

Judith Nicolari
Melissa Torres
James Little
Janet Viatrius Waugh
Ralph Villars

Members Absent

Christine Colicelli
Michelle Gandy

Others Present

Call to Order:

Chairman Nicolari called the Ansonia Cultural Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. The recording clerk took a roll call attendance, and a quorum was declared present. (5) P (2) A

Consideration of Previous Minutes:

Chairman Nicolari asked the Commission to review the minutes from February 12, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting. Chairman Nicolari notes a few corrections to be made. The corrections are as followed:

- Mrs. Christine Collicelli is misspelled. It should read Collicelli not Collecelli
- Janet Vitarius Waugh is misspelled. It should read Janet Vitarius Waugh not Victarius
- Under Communications is should read Nancy Hunt sent a letter of resignation with regret and would like to come back when she has more available time.

Mr. Little made a motion to accept the minutes with all necessary corrections. Mrs. Vitarius Waugh seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Public Session:

Chairman Nicolari called the Public Session to order. Mr. Randy Carol from the Ansonia Historical Society brought to the Board a letter of support as the Federal Government is cutting funding for our rivers. Mr. Carol asks members to sign and mail in these letters to continue the support for Connecticut rivers. The Public Session was declared closed at 6:16 p.m.

New Business:

Chairman Nicolari discussed the St. Patricks Day Raising of the Irish Flag event being held Saturday March 15, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. The Board reviewed the program for this event.

Mr. Little tells the Commission that the agenda for summer concerts is all set. Mr. Little said there will be 5 concerts held throughout the summer beginning on July 9, 2014 and the last concert will be held August 27, 2014. Mr. Little is excited to have a few new bands as well as having The Bernedettes and the 102ND Army Band return. Mr. Little says the Commissions total cost for all concerts is \$2600.00. Mr. Little also mentioned that the 102ND Army Band will be performing free of charge.

Chairman Nicolari discusses the Pierre Lamonte bike ceremony that will be held on May 4, 2014. This event will be smaller than in past years as there will not be a street festival. The New Haven cyclist will bike from New Haven to Ansonia and Chairman Nicolari said there will be a DJ at a cost of \$125.00. The Commission discussed ideas to add to this event. Ms. Torres said she will reach out to the schools to get students and families out to the event.

Chairman Nicolari explained that the Harvest Festival vendor applications and information needs to mailed out in May to all previous vendors. Mr. Villars volunteers to input all names and addresses onto a computer and have a spreadsheet made.

Ms. Torres tells the Commission about a meeting she had with people from the community including businesses and school PTO members. Ms. Torres said during this meeting she pitched ideas of about 20 events to be held within the year in celebration of Ansonia 125. Ms. Torres explains she is having a tough time getting donations from local businesses. Some examples of events Ms. Torres had in mind are: Ansonia Kentucky Derby, a road race, a city wide tag sale, family campout night at Ansonia Nature Center, 4th of July event, and a man cave contest. Ms. Torres says the events are to get the community together. Ms. Torres asks the Cultural Commission to help with the Man Cave contest. A roll call vote was made to decide if the Cultural Commission would participate with this contest. With a 3:2 vote in favor the Commission agrees to help with this event. Ms. Torres said she is waiting to hear from local businesses, schools, and other city boards to see who wants to be involved and what involvement they are able to give. Chairman Nicolari asks how long Ms. Torres thinks it may be before there is a final list of events. Ms. Torres said as soon as she gets responses from local businesses and organizations she will be able to begin organizing and planning.

Ms. Torres tells the Commission that herself and 2 others will be working on adding the past 25 years of facts and events that happened in Ansonia to a book. Ms. Torres asks for 1 person from the Commission to help. Mr. Villars volunteers to help. Chairman Nicolari asks if there are advertisements in the current books. Mr. Carol from the Historic Society said yes there are and the charge was \$500.00 per ad.

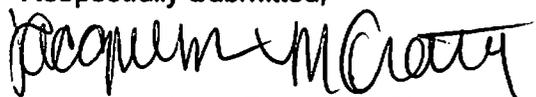
Date of Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

Mrs. Vitarius Waugh made a motion to adjourn at 7:59p.m. Ms. Torres seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk
Ansonia Cultural Commission