

The Ansonia Cultural Commission
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2014

Members Present

Judith Nicolari
Christine Collicelli
James Little
Michelle Gandy

Members Absent

Nancy Hunt
Timothy Holman

Others Present

Call to Order:

Chairman Nicolari called the Ansonia Cultural Commission to order. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. The recording clerk took a roll call attendance, and a quorum was declared present. (4) Present (2) Absent

Consideration of Previous Minutes:

Chairman Nicolari asked the Commission if they had reviewed the summary of discussion from Decembers meeting (which was unofficial due to the lack of quorum). Chairman Nicolari asked for a motion to accept with any corrections if needed. Chairman Nicolari said that she had corrections . They are listed below.

- Middle of 3rd page should not read "Chairman Nicolari says Nancy Hunt will be the new Assistant Chairman"
- The last sentence of 3rd page has a typo and should read "send" not "sent"

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

Public Session:

Chairman Nicolari called the Public Session to order. As there was no one from the public she asked that the Public Session be closed. The Public Session was declared closed.

Communications:

Chairman Nicolari begins with saying the House Decorating Contest went great and was a success. Everyone agrees. Mrs. Collicelli mentions the same people winning year after year and what could be done to get people of the community involved in the judging. Ms. Gandy says she thought they had a good judging system this year. The Commission agrees having only addresses and no names on the judging ballots makes it better so therefore there can be no prejudice.

Chairman Nicolari wants to thank the Valley Arts Committee with their help in this event.

Mrs. Collicelli suggests that maybe next year getting store fronts decorated down Main Street and having more merchants involved as well.

Chairman Nicolari mentions January 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. the winners of the House Decorating Contest will

be congratulated and presented with an award as well as gift card.

Communications:

Mrs. Collicelli asks if all board positions are full. Chairman Nicolari says there is still one more position to fill.

Chairman Nicolari mentions that from this point forward if you have three consecutive absences you are automatically off the board.

Mr. Little asks if the board can have more members. Mr. Little suggests 9 members, so there are more people to help with the events.

Chairman Nicolari says there can be a vote to see if there can be more members.

Ms. Gandy agrees the board needs a couple more bodies and would be more successful with more members.

Chairman Nicolari mentions talking with Vinny Scarlarta about the Bicycle Festival. Chairman Nicolari says the scheduled date for this event is May 4, 2014. Chairman Nicolari states the New Haven bicyclist will not be going from Ansonia to New Haven and back to Ansonia as they were hoping.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 25, 2014. Mrs. Collicelli says it is only 3 weeks between the bike festival and the Memorial Day Parade. Mrs. Collicelli asks if it still makes sense to do both.

Mr. Little says by the next time the board has their next meeting, the dates will be set in stone for the summer concerts. Mr. Little says he should then have a commitment with the performers/bands.

Ms. Gandy says the board needs to get out a calendar of events.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Collicelli made a motion to adjourn at 7:42. Mr. Little seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk
Ansonia Cultural Commission

Please note these minutes are written in brief.

