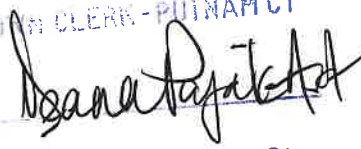


Putnam Arts Council
Monday, December 19, 2022
5:30 p.m.
Community Room 112
200 School Street, Putnam, CT

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Zoom: Meeting

1.Call to Order: Carly DeLuca, Karen Osbrey, Laura Moorehead, David Sullivan, Julie Reid, and Beth Johnston arrived at 6pm.

Call to order: 5:40 pm

2.Introduction of Carly DeLuca: Karen introduced Carly DeLuca, the new Economic & Community Development Director. Carly provided her goals, for this evening's meeting, is to obtain information and catch up on what the council has been doing. The Putnam Arts Council will be under the umbrella of the Economic & Community Development Dept. (ECD). Jackie Lefevre, ECD Administrative Assistant will be recording secretary.

3.Approval of minutes - November 2022: No vote, due to lack of quorum.

4.Financials/Invoices: Karen reported currently there are no invoices. There is \$ 1,200 in Town Fund budget and \$ 3,847.76 in Fund Raising budget Fund # 2872 is the Fund-Raising budget
Carly to research fund # 2872 and report back

5.Marketing Update: No update, - Anthony Foronda absent

Karen and Carly briefly discussed the following: by-laws and term limits for the Putnam Arts Council. These items to be researched.

Town Website: Karen explained Putnam Arts Council presently doesn't have its own website. Karen asked who is the "go to" person for website assistance? Carly responded she would be the contact person; she added once a Putnam Arts Council website is established, a link can connect the Town's website to the Putnam Arts Council website. Carly to research ways of payments/refunds to be accepted via website.

6.Communication with other groups

- a. **Trash cans: no update** – No update, Elaine Turner absent
- b. **Other:** Laura reported she has been in contact with Quinebaug Valley Community College about organizing a gallery tour for Women's History month in March. Each Thursday in March a reception would be held, at various places, displaying art by women.

7. Public Arts Projects:

a. **Permanent Sculpture Installation – Plaque Updates:** Karen reported once the 3 bear sculptures are in their permanent place, a plaque can then be ordered.

b. **Municipal Complex Art Show:** Laura provided the updates

i. **Update on current show and reception:** beginning of January, the current artwork is scheduled to come down.

ii. **Update on next show and reception:** January 7th at 10 am new artwork by Council members friends and family will be displayed.

iii. **Show calendar update:** Mid-February to March: Putnam High School students' artwork will be displayed; Laura waiting to hear if Putnam Science Academy students will participate. Install around February 13th; April to June - Jerry Ferguson, of Putnam will display paintings and pastels; July to September Stephen Lehu, Black and White photographer; October to December is Laura Tedeschi, who has been studying Greystone art in area, she makes illustrations based on her research. Ms. Tedeschi will be reaching out to Historical Society to see if her art could be displayed there too.

iv. **Addition of music or poetry readings:** Theme needs to be chosen prior to the addition of music or poetry.

c. **Love Locks Project with QCC:** Jen Brytowski working on a plaque for the sponsors.

d. **Farmer's Market Project Update:** David and Karen provided an update. The project has a budget of \$ 25,000. The Arts Council was recently under the umbrella of the Recreation Dept. The Recreation Dept. placed in their 2023/2024 budget request, for partial of project's funding. Additionally, they asked for \$ 1,500 in lieu of the current \$ 1,200 in the Town Budget line item. Grant or foundation related funding is planned to be pursued toward the remaining funding needed. The project consists of painting on special material, which is wrapped around the column of the market pavilion. The paint wouldn't be directly on the columns. Sizes and colors of the artwork are currently being worked out. Budget pending approval of 2023/2024 budget process. Carly shared the ECD budget has already been submitted.

8. Old/New Business:

a. **Fine Arts Show:** Art Show is being planned. Carly to obtain permissions for use of the Complex building both inside and outside of building.

Beth Johnston arrived at 6pm.

Karen updated Beth on the conversation that occurred earlier in the meeting.

Beth gave an update and demonstration of what she has accomplished thus far on the PAC website. Carly and Beth will coordinate on the website project.

Obelisk – Carly mentioned the obelisk statue in 112 Main St building needs to find a home.

David left at 6: 24pm

Laura left at 6:40pm

9. **Public Comments:** none

10. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn 6:52 pm

Note: recording was hard to hear, Minutes are To be approved and revisions will be made as necessary prior to approval.