



CITY OF | **UPPER ARLINGTON**

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 2, 2010**

The Cultural Arts Commission met in the Lower Level Conference Room at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road, and was called to order by Arts Manager Santoro-Au at 6:15 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Duncan Snyder, Lynda Guenther, Cameron Bennett, Laura MacDonald, Alicia McGinty, Lori Trent and Jerry Weekly\*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Dygert and Karen Yassenoff

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Arts Manager Lynette Santoro-Au, Arts Coordinator Lauren Emond, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Delgado

1. **The Departure of Mr. Bennett**

Arts Manager Santoro-Au related that Mr. Bennett has submitted his resignation for the Cultural Arts Commission. Mr. Bennett will be moving to Washington where he has accepted a new position at Pacific Lutheran University as the Dean of the School of Arts and Communication. Mr. Bennett related his appreciation to the Commission for the opportunity to serve and his belief that serving on the Commission helped to open doors to new opportunities.

2. **Election of Officers**

Arts Manager Santoro-Au called for nominations for Temporary Chair. Mr. Snyder nominated Mr. Bennett as Temporary Chair. Mr. Bennett accepted the nomination. No other nominations came forward.

Ms. MacDonald moved, seconded by Ms. McGinty, to elect Mr. Bennett Temporary Chair.

Motion carried.

Temporary Chair Bennett called for nominations for Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission, effective immediately, expiring May 31, 2011.

\*Mr. Weekly arrived at 6:20 p.m. and was present for all subsequent business.

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Ms. Guenther nominated Mr. Snyder for Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission. Mr. Snyder accepted the nomination. No other nominations came forward.

Ms. Guenther moved, seconded by Ms. Trent, to elect Mr. Snyder Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission, effective immediately, expiring May 31, 2011.

Motion carried.

Chair Snyder called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission, effective immediately, expiring May 31, 2011.

Ms. MacDonald nominated Ms. Guenther for Vice Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission. Ms. Guenther accepted the nomination. No other nominations came forward.

Ms. MacDonald moved, seconded by Ms. Trent, to elect Ms. Guenther Vice Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission, effective immediately, expiring May 31, 2011.

Motion carried.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from May 5, 2010 Cultural Arts Commission Meeting**

Commissioners reached consensus on tabling the minutes until the next meeting to give time to review them in detail.

4. **Officer and Standing Committee Reports**

**Chair Report:** Chair Snyder related that the July meeting will include the Commissioners identifying preferences on standing committees and to identify priorities for the Commission.

Chair Snyder related that he attended the Sunny 95 Park Grand Opening. It was a well attended event and he commented on the networking opportunities with City Council. He encouraged Commissioners to go to the Park and become familiar with the space.

Chair Snyder also updated the Commissioners that a Finance Committee meeting had been held that morning (June 2, 2010) and that the Parks and Recreation Director presented some information regarding the Parks and Recreation Department. Arts Manager Santoro-Au related that the Parks and Recreation Director felt it went well. Questions about the Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival and the costs associated were met with support by the Finance Committee members.

Chair Snyder brought attention to the notebooks provided to the new

Commission members and encouraged them to ask questions and use the resources provided.

Chair Snyder related that as the Chair of Cultural Arts Commission, he also sits on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Performing Arts: Mr. Bennett related that concerts start June 3<sup>rd</sup> and run for the next seven weeks.

He also encouraged Commission members to come forward and fill the vacancies left on this Standing Committee.

Arts Coordinator Emond related that Huffman's will be providing treats at the concerts and emcees are still needed. She encouraged Commission members to sign up to emcee a concert.

Chair Snyder related that attendance is encouraged for all Commission members at events. Concerts are a good way to start off with good attendance points and will raise community awareness of the Commission.

Visual Arts: Next exhibition is Natural Insights featuring the works of ceramicist Denise Romecki and printmaker Nicholas Hill.

Chair Snyder encouraged Commissioners to provide information to artists that do installation work. In response to a question by Ms. Trent regarding a conflict of interest for a family member to apply, Arts Manager Santoro-Au related that there is no conflict of interest unless the Commissioner sits on the Visual Arts Committee.

## 5. Liaison Member Reports

Chair Snyder gave a brief summary of the liaison members and what organizations they represent for the benefit of the new Commission members.

Arts Manager Santoro-Au reminded Commissioners that on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., the Just Desserts fundraiser event will be held at the Municipal Services Center.

Ms. Guenther related that the Library Arts Committee will be having two exhibitions that will feature students from the area. More information will be coming.

Arts Manager Santoro-Au related that Northam Park will be the location for the August 5<sup>th</sup> concert as it is going to be held in conjunction with the Taste of UA event.

## 6. Cultural Arts Division Report

Arts Manager Santoro-Au distributed the Cultural Arts Division's Monthly Report (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A), and related that booths are being assigned to artists for the UA Labor Day Arts Festival. Arts Manager Santoro-Au reviewed briefly the binders and sketch books that have been provided for the new members. She also reminded Commissioners that the Cave Dwellers performance will be taking place all weekend (June 4-6) at the Municipal Services Center.

5. **Excused Absences**

Ms. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to excuse the absences of Mr. Dygert and Ms. Yassenoff.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Unfinished Business**

- Fourth of July: Arts Coordinator Emond related that they have two sponsors. T-shirts have been ordered. Judges are being assembled to pick winners in several categories. Ms. MacDonald related that the idea of the event is to be participatory.

7. **New Business**


Arts Manager Santoro-Au related that the UA Labor Day Arts Festival will take place Monday, September 6, 2010 at Northam Park from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. She briefly explained how the Commissioners contribute to the event's festivities.

8. **Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission will take place on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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Chair Snyder confirmed there was no additional business before the Commission therefore; the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
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Executive Secretary

  
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Chair Duncan Snyder

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**CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
June 2010**PROGRAMS****Arts in Work Spaces**

National Church Residences is opting out of the program for now. Matt Shad, Deputy City Manager Economic Development has submitted another site for our evaluation.

**Newsletter**

We're working on putting it together.

**Performing Arts**

Lauren has sent the concert emcee sign up to City Council and we are waiting to hear from them. Our August 5 concert, The Ark Band, sponsored by UA Arts will be moved to Northam Park as part of the Taste of UA Event. This will be a great opportunity for us to get our concert in front of a whole new audience.

**Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival**

Art Activities Area is confirming some 20 hands-on art activities for adults and children and we have secured Dick Blick as a sponsor. Artists' Management is accepting payments and paperwork from artists and will be assigning booth space on June 8. The Performance Committee has been listening to cds and booking bands and has the schedule nearly complete. Vendors are sending in confirming paperwork to the Refreshments Committee. Volunteers Committee has met and is developing a strategy for improving the experience for all.

**Visual Arts*****Natural Insights*****June 23-July 23 reception 6.28 5-7 pm**

Works by printmaker Nicholas Hill and ceramicist Denise Romecki fill the Concourse Gallery. Developed after a sabbatical to Japan, Hill's newest series of large scale works of cyanotype and drawings, "Kyoto Calligraphy Lessons", combines his drawings and photographs informed by impressions of Japan. Romecki's organic sculptures draw upon the blend of science and art found in the cycle of life in nature. The catering sponsor for this reception is Huffman's Market.

**A gentle reminder that your Holga camera film is due to us August 7.**

