

Centerville Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2024

Chairman Jim Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jim Collins, Terry O'Brien, Deogratias Eustace, Rosemary Eustace, Richard LaRue, Jan Kledzik, Lian Ge, Laura Grodrian and Pam Brown.

Absent: Emily Von Stuckrad-Smolinski, Clara Wharton, Jan Colson, Jill Alexander and John Curran.

Rich LaRue moved to approve minutes from the June meeting. Rosemary Eustace seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Terry O'Brien moved to excuse the absences of the following Arts Commission members: Emily Von Stuckrad-Smolinski, Clara Wharton, Jan Colson, Jill Alexander and John Curran. Pam Brown-Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Staff Report:

Drew showed a video of the current status of the Stubbs Park construction. He noted all new items and areas being renovated.

Uptown DORA Dash is currently taking place until July 31. Six businesses are participating, and no purchase is necessary to participate. Six winners will be selected after the promotion ends.

Mudlick Tap House on Franklin is being planned.

Drew encouraged members to consider nominating addresses for the City Beautiful awards for residential/businesses.

Drew discussed the upcoming Mystery Night Out on August 6 at St. Leonard.

Drew requested volunteers to help with the Saturday Pop-Up Princess Party on July 13.

Drew stated the Friday, July 12 Party in the Park is still in need of parking volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Art Gallery will be filled with art from Robin Monjot for July. No reception is planned.

Uptown Art Affair only had 8 artist submit to participate. Drew noted there were several artists who inquired by were unable to participate due to Dayton's Art in the City happening at the same time. The commission discussed moving the date to September or April after Drew discusses with Centerville-Washington History.

An update on the July 12 Party in the Park was given by Terry O'Brien and Drew. The last Party in the Park for the year is the Garth Brooks tribute in August.

Miami Valley Community Concert Association concerts start September 15. MVCCA and Centerville will discuss setting up a plan for this season.

Uptown Music had about 60 people at the last performance.

Cornerstone Music had around 20-40 people at latest concerts. Rich LaRue noted the water feature is a problem with video records due to the sound.

The plan for next year may be to have larger groups at Cornerstone and smaller ones at Uptown

The final Summer Concert Series show had about 3,390 people in attendance.

Old Business

A public Art Survey that will be part of the Art Plan has been drafted and will be distributed to residents online over the next couple of months.

No new business was discussed.

Rich LaRue made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. and Deogratias Eustace seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Jan Kledzik.