

CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

CULTURAL COMMISSION

November 9, 2023

ROLL CALL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Unexcused</u>
Kira Macyda	X		
Hasina Abdu	X		
Samar Sakakini	X		
Vivek Chavan	X		
Jaspreet Gill		X	
Mirada Jenkins Carter	X		
Neha Rao			
Rose Harrell	X		
Chris Tremblay	X		
Madhurima Ganguly	X		
Tania Ganguly		X	
Kevin Ryan	X		
Thomas Paden			X
Nick Brandon			X
Jessica Wu	X		
Laura Mortier	X		
Ben Frick		X	
Jessica Bunjik	X		

Public Participants: Kimberly Mabie and Caroline Mabie

- Kim is an active member of the Canton Historical Society and Caroline does work with horticulture and is interested in the arts.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Macyda at 6:02pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to accept November 9, 2023, Agenda approved by Sakakini, supported by Tremblay. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction – Kevin Ryan was not in attendance for the August 10th Cultural Commission meeting.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes with the corrections of August 10, 2023 attendance, approved by Harrell supported by Tremblay. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Annual Presentation Update
 - Kira and Hasina presented to the Board per the requirements of the by-laws on the Strategic Plan
- B. Volunteer Experience
 - Vivek shared thoughts on Festival of Lights
 - stage was hard to see for people in the back
 - some wanted it back outside
 - Mirada shared thoughts on Halloween Event
 - lots of opportunities for kids
 - good sensory options
 - good selections of activities
 - had more than just candy for the kids
 - it was inside with diversity of activities for all ages
 - well organized
 - because of the demand, could use a bigger location
 - Rose shared thoughts on the Fine Arts Exhibit really nice event
 - very interactive
 - awards ceremony was well done
 - well attended

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2024 Meeting Dates, Reappointments, and Recommitment Forms
 - 2024 purposed meeting dates and times have been approved
 - No reappointments to take to the Board for 2024
 - Recommitment forms were distributed. Asked to sign and return by December 15th if you wish to stay an active member on the Cultural Commission in 2024.
- B. Poetry Project
 - Currently have a total of \$1582 in the Artist Laureate Program
 - An artist from the UK reached out to Kevin. This artist has created approximately 50+ quotes to encourage positivity with mental health. Asking communities to collaborate to get these spoken work pieces out in the community.
 - Use these funds to contract an artist to do the larger projects throughout Canton Township where they can create large scale art that shares his messages throughout the community.
 - Motion to approve the use of Artist Laureate funds to use for the Poetry Project made by Sakakini, second by Jenkins Carter. All approved
- C. Present Upcoming Events/Programs (Jess to send flyers)
 - Q1 Jan – March

- MLK Jan 15th from 6-8pm
- Chinese Festival – Feb 24th from 6-9pm
- Christmas in the Village December 2nd from 3-8pm

D. Recommendations for Future Programming

- Celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Birth Anniversary – Date will be determined tomorrow
 - Canton working with the committee to host the celebration
- Preserving the History of Canton within the last 50 years
 - Interactive gallery of the history of Canton within the last 50 years
 - For the month of November 2024, plan to create a gallery at the Village Arts Factory to educate and then house at the Historic Museum
- March 7 – Celebrate Disability awareness of special needs and their contributions
 - Application in January for residents to nominate for the excellence award
 - Award to acknowledge a Business that supports and celebrates the disabled or special needs
 - Looking for donors
 - Jessica Wu is a part of a group “Proud to be Me” where they are looking for special needs participants to partake in a dance opportunity

ROUND TABLE

- Project Updates – Cherry Hill Village Area, working on adding parking before most of the development begins
- Preservation Park will be adding a Pavilion not a barn
- Heritage Park South Pavilions plan to rebuild in the spring of 2024
- Zibiwés Nature Area Naming Ceremony took place on October 27th
- Sheldon School – Kim wants to connect with Jon/Gavin to discuss future of Sheldon School
- Kimberly is a grant writer – wrote a grant for the historical Society and received a \$25,000 grant
- North Western Wayne County ARC – now located in Canton (off Haggerty and Koppernick)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Samar will be resigning as a commission member
- Kira will be resigning as a commission member
- Hasina will be resigning as a commission member
- Kevin Ryan is interested in stepping in as chair and Chris Tremblay as Vice Chair
 - Motion to approve Kevin Ryan as the 2024 chair and Chris Tremblay as the 2024 vice chair by Sakakini and seconded by Macyda. All in favor.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:13p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024– 6:00 p.m.