

CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

CULTURAL COMMISSION

February 8, 2024

ROLL CALL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Unexcused</u>
Vivek Chavan	X		
Jaspreet Gill			X
Mirada Jenkins Carter		X	
Neha Rao			X
Rose Harrell	X		
Chris Tremblay	X		
Madhurima Ganguly	X		
Tania Ganguly	X		
Kevin Ryan	X		
Thomas Paden			X
Jessica Wu		X	
Laura Mortier	X		
Ben Frick	X		
Jessica Bunjik	X		
Jon LaFever	X		

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ryan at 6:05pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to accept the February 8, 2024 Agenda approved by Tremblay, supported by Chavan. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 9, 2023 meeting minutes, approved by Tremblay supported by Harrell. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Volunteer Experience
 - Christmas in the Village
 - Chavan & Tremblay good turnout

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Members

- Brian Mabie and James Bryan interviewed and will start in May
- Nick Brandon no longer with the schools
 - Laura to look for a new school representative – potentially an Arts or DEI Member
 - Applications will remain open for additional members

B. Strategic Plan Review & Committee

- Check to review that the commission is achieving their goals
- Jess to update members
- Motion to approve approved the Strategic Plan, approved by Ganguly, and supported by Tremblay. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Literature & Table

- Do we want to have a table at events?
- Needs to be more engaging than an info booth
- Craft or project
- Poster Board/ signage that has the Goals and QR code that takes people to the Cultural Commission Webpage with events listed – Laura and Kevin to work on
- QR code to be put in the FOCUS

D. Upcoming Events and Programs

- Chinese Festival
- Spotlight on TR – looking for 2 volunteers to work the welcome table
- Art in Bloom at VAF (indoor and outdoor) – running tables and activity
- Volunteer sheet going around – flyers to come from Jess

E. Messaging & Communication

- How are members spreading the word about these events? Come up with some standard procedure as to how we share.
 - Events are posted on the Canton Pages
 - FOCUS, Digital Board, Website, eblasts
 - Share with committee the Canton social media links and link to subscribe
 - Physical flyers – if you would like flyers to pass out somewhere, you can send a request to one of the Canton employees (Laura, Kevin, Jess) and we can print off for you

F. Recommendations for Future Programming

- Vivek handed out a flyer on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Celebration
 - Jess to send link to committee members to learn more
 - Laura to check to see if Canton Board will be attending

ROUND TABLE

- Madhurima had an inquiry about a jury arts program at the Village Arts Factory – Madhurima to work with Kevin on future programming or events
- The last 50 years of Canton – to capture the growth in diversity and development
 - November to take info and create an interactive gallery exhibit with a wide variety of media
- Add cultural and historical locations, foods, etc. listed on the commission website page
- Update – Commission voted to use funds to commission artist to do a mural
 - Identified an artist – Gabby Dolan
 - Need to still identify a location

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:16p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024– 6:00 p.m.