MINUTES: Arts Advisory Commission
Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – 5:15 p.m.
Suite 305, 77 James Street North, Hamilton

CHAIR: Patti Randazzo-Beckett  MINUTE TAKER: Jennifer Kaye

PRESENT: Renee Wetselaar, Gary dePodesta, Karen Logan, Josefa Radman, Anne Cibola, Brian Lane, Jahan Zeb

Also Present: Ken Coit, Jennifer Kaye

REGRETS: Sky Gilbert, Nancy McKibbon Gray

ABSENT: Anne McLean, Eli Tshibwabwa

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
   7.1 will be deferred to next meeting
   7.2 added – ArtsVest application

   Approved: Anne C.  Seconded: Gary

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

   None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 09/22/2009 (attached)
   Karen Logan sent regrets, was not absent
   Approved: Renee  Seconded: Josefa

4. Community Partnership Program

   Report from Patti Randazzo-Beckett
   Met last week and received 41 grants, including heritage grants, for review. Each person will have a week to review and will then pass them on. Next meeting is November 19.
Question for follow up by Ken – Will HHB revise their terms of reference to enable their review of heritage grants in future years? AAC would be pleased to help the HHB develop their grant review practices and protocols.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Graffiti Art/Public Art

Report from Ken Coit
MacNab underpass project is moving forward as a pilot graffiti-prevention project, with the support of Public Works. Work will commence in the spring.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 Budget

Action: Discussion and approval of proposed budget – distributed at the last meeting

Proposed budget is same as last year, except for the exclusion of $30,000 for new Arts Awards medallions. Includes $3,000 for the arts forum.

Moved: Josefa  Seconded: Karen

Agreed that the AAC will hold an event in the spring to disseminate the results from the Arts and Artists Forum, and will then hold an annual spring event to keep in touch with the arts community.

6.2 Arts Awards

Action: Draft RFP from Ken Coit

Ken presented the draft RFP, with thanks for the foundational work done by Renee and Karen.

MOTION to approve in principle: Karen  Seconded: Renee

Names of potential proponents should be forwarded to Ken Coit as soon as possible.
Steering group for the review process will include Karen Logan, Renee Wetselaar, Jahan Zeb. Working group will review the RFPs and work with the proponent during the review process.

### 6.3 Arts and Artists Forum Working Group

Anne Cibola, Renée Wetselaar, Nancy McKibbin Gray, Gary DePodesta, Josefa Radman, Karen Logan, Sky Gilbert, Anne McLean, Brian Lane, Patti Randazzo-Beckett

**Action:** Report re: Arts and Artists Forum planning

Renee reported that the conversation with Arts Hamilton took place, as discussed at the last meeting. Arts Hamilton will help to promote the Forum, will send two participants, and will help with development and dissemination of next steps. E&CS Committee has been informed, and is happy with these outcomes.

Critical path created and discussed – will be disseminated.

### 6.4 Correspondence received from Gary Santucci

**Action:** Jennifer to present and lead discussion

Jennifer shared the content of an email from Gary Santucci dated October 17, 2009. The Commission reviewed the email. The Commission confirmed its position that members are able to speak as individuals about issues relating to the arts community.

### 6.5 95 King St. E. – Artist Live/Work Space Project

**Action:** Presentation from Jennifer Kaye

Renee declared a potential conflict of interest and left the discussion. Jennifer presented information and images regarding the CityHousing Hamilton project to transform 95 King St. E. into artist live/work spaces. There will be a meeting in November to bring people with live/work expertise from the arts community together with the project staff to ensure that the project meets artists’ needs.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### 7.1 Artists’ Code of Ethics

**Action:** Deferred to next meeting - Brian Lane to prepare guidelines for the discussion
Brian believes that artists should be respectful of one another’s viewpoints and recognize freedom of expression.

7.2 ArtsVest grant application

The City has submitted an application to participate in the ArtsVest program, which provides training, support, and matching funds up to $75,000 in total, to arts organizations to secure new business partnerships.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Karen

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.
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