

AUBURN'S HISTORIC & CULTURAL SITES COMMISSION

Meeting minutes from January 8, 2020 at Equal Rights Heritage Center

Present: R. Bradley, B. Chabot, A. Daddabbo, C. Kasper, K. Gosch, K. Kuhl, D. Lamb, C. Mason, A. Saret, J. Giannettino, K. Walker, J. Armstrong, D. Gottschalk-Fielding, K. Szewcyk

Excused: M. Alberici, J. Kline, A. DeKoter, S. Muldoon, Rev. P. Carter, S. Kline, D. Stankus, L. Carr, C. Taylor

Call to Order

The bimonthly meeting of Auburn's Historic and Cultural Sites Commission was called to order on January 8, 2020, at 9:05 a.m. by D. Lamb.

Approval of Minutes

K. Gosch made a motion to accept the 11/13/19 minutes as submitted, and the motion was seconded by J. Giannettino and A. Saret. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Finance Report

C. Kasper presented the Finance Report. D. Lamb made a motion to accept the finance report as submitted, and the motion was seconded by K. Walker. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Committee Reports

Site Directors' written reports were included in the packet.

Executive

D. Lamb announced the nomination of K. Gosch to serve as the new Commission Chair. J. Giannettino and B. Chabot made a motion to officially elect K. Gosch as Chair, and the motion was seconded by K. Walker. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Marketing

C. Mason announced that round 2 of the Market NY Funding through the CFA was awarded and revisited the round 1 media spend and plan with TGW Studio.

Programming

C. Kasper reminded about the NYS Women's Suffrage Commission funding award of \$10,000 for Harriet Tubman Weekend March 6–8, 2020. Members were asked to notify C. Kasper of programming participation.

Future Events and Reimbursement

C. Kasper mentioned other future collaborative city-wide events for members to keep in mind when programming, including Holiday Traditions, Auburn NY Pride, etc.; a follow-up programming committee meeting will be scheduled. Discussion was had re. the increased special projects budget line and reimbursement programming funding for sites. D. Lamb suggested defining prorating per site and setting parameters for the following fiscal year. K. Walker noted that Fort Hill Cemetery could use some programming money to support an effort to create a visual, non-walking tour for those who are unable to tour Fort Hill, since they will be added to the Commission members.

New Business

None.

Old Business

A. City Council Meeting Date: C. Mason shared the updated Historic and Cultural Sites Commission City Code and will seek approval from City Council on January 23 and voted on February 6, 2020.

B. Merging Digital Accounts: C. Kasper reported the History's Hometown website landing page and Facebook page have been merged with Equal Rights Heritage Center/Auburn, NY Visitor Center and digital accounts and are phasing in visitauburnny.com. Ideas for a new events calendar system are in the works.

Announcements

Commission members shared news about and upcoming events at their sites.

D. Lamb shared that Schweinfurth Art Center will be closed into early April due to HVAC system installation. In the meantime, SAC is partnering with other sites to host programming.

A. Daddabbo said that the café is under construction with only a few months left to go. APT will rent out the first floor for weddings, events, etc. at an affordable cost. The Jan. 17 Holly Near concert is sold out; upcoming events include Feminist Extravaganza to benefit 1st Amendment, 1st Vote and Danielle Ponder concert for Harriet Tubman Weekend.

K. Gosch noted that the Cayuga Museum is taking a full inventory of its painting collection and is gearing up for the March 6 opening.

K. Szewcyk announced that Harriet Tubman National Historical Park received \$10,000 transportation grant to bring surrounding community to Auburn, including 400 11th graders from Syracuse City School District thanks to Zach Finn at the Seward House Museum. The grant will be applied for annually. She is also working on an idea to incorporate storytelling on benches as seen in Philadelphia to the Saturday Market to attract people to hear stories of Harriet Tubman.

K. Kuhl announced the Hibernation and Where Brave Women Winter campaigns running January through March.

Adjournment

K. Gosch adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by D. Lamb and seconded. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

The next Commission meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on 3/11/20 at Carriage House Theater.

Minutes by Courtney Kasper