

**[DRAFT]**  
MINUTES OF THE  
NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
July 12, 2016  
City Hall Room 208

Presiding: Tracy Hatch, Chairman

Members in attendance: Mitzi Barrett, Bonnie Guercio, Paul LaFlamme, Donna Metzger, Tina Cassidy

Members Absent: Alison Bankowski, Lindsay Rinaldi, John Egan

Staff present: Amy DeRoche

Others present, Tim Cummings, City of Nashua Director of Economic Development; Kathy Hersh, City Arts Nashua, Marc Thayer, Executive Director of Symphony NH

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

1. Approval of Minutes: Paul LaFlamme moved and Donna Metzger seconded a motion to approve the NAC minutes of June 14, 2016.

The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

2. Grant Application Recommendations Review: Tracy Hatch distributed the previous recommendations the grant committee had made. Due to the fact that the NAC felt the committee had made unbalanced recommendations the grant review committee was asked to review their previous recommendation. 3 out of the 5 members of the committee declined to participate again.

A motion was moved by Tracy and seconded by Mitzi to reconsider the grant recommendations that were previously made. The vote was approved 5 yes and 1 abstain.

Tracy and Paul stated that while the commission still has concerns it is the best course of action to approve the monetary distribution as is and review how the entire grant process would be handled next year.

Kathy Hersh pointed out that it was the previous mayor who asked for an independent review committee and that the NAC used to review the applications and decide the monetary awards.

Tracy Hatch raised the point that if people had to recuse themselves from talking about the individual grants due to conflict of interest there would no longer be a quorum to vote on the awards.

A motion was moved by Mitzi and seconded by Tracy to accept the previous recommendations of the grant committee

A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Donna to **amend** Mitzi's motion to accept the recommendations without endorsement and forward them to the Mayor's office. The motion was approved 4 yes and 2 no.

A motion was made by Mitzi and seconded by Tracy to accept the grant review committee's recommendations and to forward them to the Mayor's office without the Commission's endorsement. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Tracy would like the NAC to decide what it would like to focus on and come up with agendas for the next 3-4 meetings. In the August meeting Judy would like to discuss her ideas for quarterly meetings.

A few items that need to be discussed are:

- Review the grant application process
- Come up with criteria for public art. Bonnie has started the research on this topic.
- Continue our quarterly meetings with the mayor.
- Performing Arts Center – help with the public input for phase 2 of the feasibility study.

Tracy pointed out that our ordinance dictates that we cover the following topics:

- Public Art
- Arts Education/Arts Programs
- Arts facilities

Tracy asked the NAC to think about how they want to move forward with this. Are there people who should be invited into the discussion?

4. Comments from Commissioners and Members of the public: None

5. Adjournment: Paul moved and Mitzi seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Commission will be on Tuesday, August 9th at 8 am in Room 208 at Nashua City Hall.

Minutes recorded by Amy DeRoche.