

**MINUTES**  
**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**March 20, 2019**

The Cultural Arts Commission meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Department Multi-Purpose Room of Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kristien Foss, Chair  
Sandy Schlehr, Vice Chair  
Natalie Weeks  
Brigitte Grubb  
Carole Milan  
Cheryl Manns  
Jeanne Close

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Angela Robertson, Economic Development Coordinator  
Philip Einhorn, Town Commissioner  
Catherine Butrim, Recording Secretary

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2019

Ms. Close moved and Ms. Schlehr seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting.

The motion carried.

FY19 Budget Review

Ms. Robertson stated that there are no updates to the FY19 budget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Irishman's Chorale

Ms. Milan reported that the Irishman's Chorale was very entertaining, and they performed music that they had not performed previously. She reported that approximately 200 people were in attendance, and that approximately 40 people were attending for the first time.

Ms. Schlehr reported that one guest recommended that Irish music be played prior to the performance. The members present agreed that playing Irish music as people enter is a good idea.

Mr. Einhorn stated that he did not attend Irishman's Chorale because the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra was performing at Bel Air High School on the same evening,

and they have done so for the last few years. Ms. Robertson stated that CAC could schedule Irishman's Chorale for the first Monday in March, which would be March 7, in 2020.

Ms. Manns moved and Ms. Weeks seconded the motion to book Irishman's Chorale for March 7, 2020 and to have Ms. Robertson contact Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra to confirm that there will not be a scheduling conflict on that date.

The motion carried.

### Tower Mural

Ms. Foss stated that she and Pat Fielder will be meeting Renato Buontempo on Monday, March 25, at 2 p.m. to discuss the mural. Ms. Robertson stated that she prepared bullet points for the meeting.

Ms. Robertson stated that she showed some examples of a bike with a produce basket to Jack Pabis to include in the mural. She stated that Mr. Pabis agreed to include a bike in the mural for an additional \$400.00.

Ms. Weeks moved and Ms. Close seconded the motion to amend the February 27, 2019 meeting minutes to state that CAC will approve a payment in the amount of \$2,700.00 to Jack Pabis to complete the mural at Main Street Tower. This amended amount includes a fee of \$400.00 to add a bike with a produce basket to the mural.

The motion carried.

Ms. Weeks advised that CAC would like to see a concept sketch from Mr. Pabis before he proceeds with painting.

Ms. Schlehr shared the images she found on Pinterest with bikes in front of Italian storefronts.

### Tale Trail at Rockfield Park

Ms. Robertson stated that she emailed the members with Liz Decker's responses to their questions regarding the Tale Trail at Rockfield Park. She stated that pages from *Wishes* by Andi Rowinski would be mounted on 20 laminated signs on temporary stakes. The signs would be placed on the trail between the barn and the playground. She advised that CAC would partner with Ms. Decker of Caprichos Books and provide up to \$300.00 to cover the cost of the copies of the books and the cost of the materials for the signs. Ms. Decker would like the Tale Trail to kick off on September 6, which coincides with National Read a Book Day. The signs would be removed by November 1. Ms. Robertson stated that Ms. Decker will not ask for any additional

funds should the cost of the signs exceed \$300.00, and Ms. Decker will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the signs. Ms. Decker believes this will support Bel Air’s designation in the Mid-Atlantic Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) campaign, and she hopes that the Tale Trail at Rockfield will be a feature story on the HEAL City of the Mid-Atlantic website ([www.healcitiesmidatlantic.org](http://www.healcitiesmidatlantic.org)).

Ms. Grubb moved and Ms. Milan seconded the motion to partner with Caprichos Books and provide \$300.00 for the materials and manufacture of the signs for the Tale Trail at Rockfield.

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pre-Movie Entertainment

Ms. Robertson distributed the list of potential entertainers for the Outdoor Movies Series and the list of scheduled movies for summer 2019.

The members present agreed to book the following entertainers, pending availability, as follows:

6/7/19	<i>Star Wars: The Last Jedi</i>	Tae Kwon Do Masters
6/21/19	<i>Wonder</i>	Becky Titelman
7/5/19	<i>Mary Poppins Returns</i>	Bel Air Dance Academy
7/19/19	<i>Incredibles 2</i>	U.S. Taekwondo Academy
8/2/19	<i>Small Foot</i>	Ryan-Kilcoyne School of Irish Dancing
8/16/19	<i>Trolls</i>	Uncle Pete-UP with Kids

The members present agreed that the following entertainers should be contacted if any of the above entertainers are unavailable: Mama Bear Yoga, Rage Box and Ninja Abingdon.

**OTHER:**

A&E District Update

Ms. Robertson reported that she has received the flyer for Ballet Chesapeake’s Carnival of the Animals performance sponsored by CAC at the Bel Air Armory on May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Robertson advised that a volunteer is needed to attend and take some photos as she will be unable to attend.

Ms. Robertson stated that she will be working with the Maryland State Arts Council to create a 2-minute promotional video for the A&E District. She advised that she has asked them

to come to the Town to film on April 13, which coincides with several arts events happening in the A&E District.

Ms. Robertson reported that Art Walk brochures were distributed to the guests at Irishman's Chorale. She advised that Harford Artists Gallery is the location for the Town of Bel Air Visitors Center and the brochure and other marketing materials may be picked up there by residents and visitors.

Ms. Weeks reported that Joan Hodous' art exhibit that was sponsored by the Commission was very well attended at the Armory, and it was a very good event.

Ms. Weeks advised that she will be attending Take a Chance on Art at the Armory on March 23. Ms. Robertson stated that free spectator tickets are available for the CAC members. The event will be held from 4-7 p.m. If the members wish to participate in the auction, they will need to purchase a \$75.00 ticket.

#### Other

Ms. Weeks stated that she would like to thank Ms. Butrim for her excellent work on the minutes of the CAC meetings.

Ms. Robertson advised that there may be funds available in the FY19 budget to consider purchasing promotional items and that she will add a presentation of options to the April meeting agenda.

Ms. Robertson advised that there is no update about the Alfred B. Hilton memorial.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Milan moved and Ms. Weeks seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m.