



## ALBANY ARTS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1249 Marin Avenue, Albany Community Center, Edith Stone Room  
Monday, May 19, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:08p.m. Absent: Michel-Che
2. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** **Motion:** Wishner to approve March and April Minutes  
**Second:** McQuaid. **All in favor**
3. **PUBLIC FORUM**
4. **COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**  
McQuaid: Centennial Banners are up and they will be up for a year, they are all posted throughout Albany. McQuaid suggested to the committee that they begin to agendize the banner artist competition project.  
Christina Martin from the Arts Committee will speak on behalf of the Arts Committee at the volunteer dinner. Peter Goodman A.C. Chair will be emailing her the information that she is to present at the dinner.
5. **COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF:**  
Ferrer: Spring and Arts Music Festival was a total success. The artists and vendors were very happy with the turn-out and they look forward to doing it again. Susan Adame' and Michel Che Swisher did an incredible job in organizing the event.
6. **DISCUSSION/ POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**
  - 6.1 Art in the Park Projects: Wishner  
OV: Artist Collin Lambert has been contacted about the lettering of the sculpture at OV. He feels that the letters should be in gold. **Motion:** McQuaid, to paint letters in gold, **Second:** Lambert. **All in favor.**  
TP: Adame' has been in contact with Fran Segal in reference to the repairs, she has received 50% of the payment.  
MP: The Committee debated on coloring of the bench, between leaving it as is, concrete color or to stain it. **Motion:** Goodman, to stain bench as originally approved. **Second:** Maris. **All in favor.**
  - 6.2 Centennial Journal: Lambert  
Richard Russo emailed Lambert about the project that they are both working on; Lambert working on the Then and Now Centennial Journal and Russo coordinating photography project with the students at Albany high. The projects may be too similar at the moment. The Centennial Journal: Then and Now will be placed on hold. Nan Wishner presented the idea of perhaps coming up with a new project connected with the Poet Laureate.
  - 6.3 Art and Music Festival: Adame'  
Great job Susan Adame' and Michel-Che Swisher, the layout worked out great and that will be the set-up for next year.
  - 6.4 Art Gallery: Maris  
There are two artists that are on display at the moment Jo Anna Pippen and Michel-Che Swisher. The next exhibit will go up on June 20<sup>th</sup>, reception will follow on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 6.5 Poet Laureate Update: Goodman  
Four poets submitted applications and a sub-committee was nominated: Clara Rae Genser from Friends of the Library, Ned Purdom, Head of the English

Department and local artists Allison Seabank and John Roe. There will be two meetings held and they will be open to the public.

**6.6** Art in Public Places Program: Tabled until next meeting

**6.7** Catherine Webb Art Award: McQuaid

Presented the idea to revive the Catherine Webb Award, this award used to be presented to restaurants in Albany who best displayed art in their restaurants.

There isn't a lot of detail that has been found on the criteria of nominating the restaurants; the last restaurant that was given the award may of been given to Britt-Maries. McQuaid and Ferrer will look into minutes from the past to see if any details can be found on these award criterias

**6.8** Art Slides: Tabled until next meeting

**6.9** Jeff Bond: Tabled until next meeting

**7. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

**Art in the Park, Centennial Journal, Art Gallery, Poet Laureate, Art in Public Places; Jeff Bond Catherine Webb Art Award, Art Slides**

**8. ADJOURNMENT: 8:40pm**