

Regular Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018 Oxford Town Hall 7 pm – 9 pm

Call to order 7 pm. Attending Elaine Shown, Laura Maksimow, Kathy Johnson

Amendments to the agenda ~~Amendments to the agenda~~

Amendments to the minutes Minutes approved

Audience of citizens Jennifer East, Karen and Martin Early, Dorothy, ~~Joann~~
Cheryl, and Dave Bouffard

Correspondence & bills Gave Elaine bills from Voices already paid

Treasurer's Report: Elaine shown ~~Kathy moves to accept Dorothy's resignation~~

Festival Directr Report: (see attached) Kathy moves to accept Dorothy's resignation. Laura 2nd. Pass
Elaine moves for Dorothy to keep OCAC email address. Joann 2nds Motion Passed.

Topics for discussion:

Future of OCAC ~~We need fundraising. Dorothy is~~
resigning from the OCAC as Festival Director

Funding Need fundraising

2028 FACE /ShowCase status Kathy moves to postpone the Face Showcase
for 1 year. June 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Future Plan for OCAC Action/ Advocacy

Discussion of OCAC 2017-2018 events and activities

Status o Nov. Arts and Craft show All the information is in the drawer. ~~Joann~~ is free

Location of OCAC Materials The materials are in the office. We are supplied with
paper materials. Ladder is behind desk.

New Business

Adjournment 9 pm. Joann Moved to adjourn. June 2nds Motion passed

Respectfully submitted by
Oxford Cultural Arts Commission

10 FEB 20 PM 4:20
TOWN OF OXFORD
TOWN CLERK
Office of the Clerk

An Amendment to Contract Agreement of Tasks to be done by Dorothy Peebles- Pelley to Produce the OCAC Gallery of Art 2018 Showcase Exhibit as Gallery Director and support and facilitate the programs for May 2018 OXFORD's FACE as Festival Director.

Contract Originally Prepared for the OCAC July 19th 2017 OCAC meeting. Amended and submitted for approval by Dorothy Peebles-Pelley February 15th 2018. Any amendments to be submitted by either party must in writing.

The original document describes the process to complete the requirements of that contract between Dorothy Peebles-Pelley and the Oxford Cultural Arts Commission referred to as OCAC for the planning and production of the Gallery of Art Showcase Exhibit and to support and facilitate the events for the 2017 Oxford's FACE starting July 1st, 2017 for May 18th through the 20th 2018 plus the follow up activities in June 2018.

The original contract identified the tasks and agreed on activity that needed to be completed with required written monthly status reports and follow up. The planning for Oxford's FACE and the Showcase Exhibit commenced with the signing of the Contract dated July 19th 2017 and was scheduled to end by the last day of June 2018. Dorothy and OCAC have complied with these requirements through Feb. 15th 2018.

Because the original contract can be amended during the agreed upon time frame by either party if presented in writing and approved by Commission vote - Dorothy Peebles-Pelley who has been working from July 2017 through Feb. 15, 2018 with the Oxford Cultural Arts Commissioners, volunteers, Town Hall staff, Public Works staff, sponsors and local businesses and accepted the task of planning and implementing the program actions required to create and produce a Juried Showcase Art Exhibit and support, supervise and help facilitate the activities for the 2018 Oxford's FACE weekend proposed for May 18, 19, and 20 find that due to circumstances related to the lack of funding including contracted stipends and support of the OCAC by the Town and expected Sponsors and for personal reasons related to a severe family health situations do hereby resign as Gallery/Festival Director of Oxford Cultural Arts Commission.

I do this knowing that according to the original contract - the OCAC, Town of Oxford and any interested party will hold me Dorothy Peebles-Pelley blameless - if the OCAC 2018 Showcase Exhibit or any or all Oxford's FACE events fail to happen due to weather, other situations, lack of funding, outside influences or situations or emergencies beyond my control.

It is my hope that the OCAC Commissioners will continue functioning working with, Oxford Town Staff, Sponsors and Volunteer support and produce the same high quality programs as have been produced with my support and involvement for the past 9 years. Where ever possible- I will provide the OCAC with documents, forms and data currently in my possession and materials produced by me specifically for use to facilitate the presentation of the Gallery of Art ShowCase Exhibit and FACE (Festival of Arts, Culture and Entertainment)

I Dorothy Peebles-Pelley, currently under contract as OCAC Gallery of Art Showcase Exhibit Director and Festival Director for Oxford's FACE (Festival of Arts, Culture and Entertainment) hereby resign from OCAC as of February 15, 2018.

Signed

Dorothy Peebles-Pelley

Date

2/15/2018

B) As representatives for Oxford Cultural Arts WE the Oxford Cultural Arts Commissioners accept Dorothy Peebles-Pelley's resignation from OCAC and also agree to hold Dorothy Peebles-Pelley, blameless for any future impact that her resignation may cause relating to the production of the 2018 OCAC Showcase Exhibit and Oxford's FACE within the requirements and time frame set forth in the original July contract and any future OCAC programs.

Signed Oxford Cultural Arts Commissioners

Date

2/15/2018

Katherine Johnson
Patricia Jones

James B. McLeod
Laura Mackeyman

Edward J. Shown

Status Report for February 15, 2018 by Gallery Director/ FACE Festival Director Dorothy Peebles-Pelley

The Oxford Cultural Arts Commission is at a cross road. There is no funding to fulfill the plans for the 2018 ShowCase Art Exhibit and Oxford's FACE Festival. There have been several key people who have left the Commission and others who are going to resign soon.

- Since July 2017 I have been working for OCAC on the timeline and tasks in the contract as Gallery ShowCase and FACE festival for which I received a stipend which in no way compensates for the many many hours of activity required of me. Also I have not received a stipend for the month of Jan. or the work done for Feb.
- I have been working to involve businesses in our programs and although not part of my tasks I have attempted fund raising for the ShowCase and Festival. All of which adds many extra hours – with little or no support from the Town or business community.
- Not in the contract but as a volunteer since 2010 I also have maintained the TOWN Hall Meeting room Gallery booking artists and producing exhibits every month and recently every 2 months since 2010.
- Since the resignation of OCAC chairman and secretary over a year ago I have been acting in these capacity while working to recruit new members. With some success but there is a learning period because they have not been involved in the production and facilitating of the FACE FESTIVAL or the workings and procedures of the OCAC.
- Since July of 2017 I have with only the support of the Treasurer I produced the 46th November 2017 Arts and Craft Show again not part of my contract - I have found the number of hours, phone calls to me at my home from crafters making demands, scheduling booking and arranging the venue and boy scouts (who sell food at the event to raise funds for themselves) and setting up the room with the help of Commissioners and the custodian at Center school. Intensely overwhelming.
- In addition to the amount of work that was involved in the production of the ShowCase and FACE Festival, the Nov. Arts and Craft Show and all of the other duties of running the OCAC of which I AM NOT A COMMISSIONER my husband's health has been failing and last Feb. he fell and broke his hip and has been diagnosed with a degenerative disease. I am his full time care giver. All too much to handle any longer. Therefore I am resigning from the OCAC as of Feb. 15, 2017.
- I recommend that the OCAC cancel the ShowCase and FACE festival for 2018 and continue the monthly exhibits and simplify their programs and regroup to give the new people coming onto the commission to develop their concepts for the commission and continue to bring Arts and Cultural programs for adults and children into the Town of Oxford.

I wish the next chapter and those who go along for the ride the best of luck and a great future.