

City of Hudson
Arts, Entertainment and Tourism Committee
July 6, 2016 Meeting
Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by chair, Rick Rector. Alexis Keith and John Friedman, committee members, were present and member Michael O'Hara was absent. Also in attendance was Common Council president, Claudia DeStefano.

The committee reviewed a letter from the Hudson Business Coalition regarding their decision to cancel the Hudson Summer Fest. The AET committee had earlier voted to contract with the organization in the \$1250.00.

The committee then reviewed the following 6 recent mass gathering applications that had been received between committee meetings:

Chatham High School	Day in the life of the Hudson River	10/20/16
Out Hudson	Parade and Festival	6/15-17/16
Out Hudson	Boat Cruise	6/16-17/16
Columbia County VFW	Veterans's Day Services and Parade	11/11/16
Endless Love Temple	March For Christ Warren St. Parade	9/17/2016
Columbia Cty Child Fatality Review	Community Night Out	8/17/2016

The committee then reviewed a proposed change to the wording of the city event grant contract kindly provided by committee member Alderman Friedman.

The intention of the revision was discussed as providing "teeth" to the contract to insure compliance or non consideration for future contractual event grants.

There was discussion among the committee who all agreed it was appropriate. An audience member suggested that perhaps 2 years was too much. The committee discussed this and other aspects and decided to keep it at two years and send to city attorney Ken Dow for his review.

During the Old Business period, chair Rector discussed the suggestion of John Porreca from last month's meeting regarding a Painted Whale Art project for the City similar to the town of Catskill's Cat's and a 2 year Dog project in Hudson. The committee members agreed there was little interest in this. John Friedman suggested, however, that the AET committee and the City of Hudson discuss potential art projects involving students, local or nearby colleges and universities in some type of city wide art project that would benefit the community.

Alexis Keith was enthusiastic in her support of this and discussed previous projects. Rick Rector agreed and said that this should be an ongoing conversation as perhaps the annual event grant contract monies could be applied in this way.

There was no new business and the committee adjourned.

Rick Rector