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Art, Entertainment, and Tourism Committee

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Minutes – September 6, 2017, 6:45 PM  
Hudson City Hall

**Present:**

Chair- John Friedman  
Council members Rector, O'Hara & Keith

The first order of business was the introduction of the Mass Gathering Permits submitted since the prior meeting. There was no discussion.

The second order of business was discussion of the draft resolution introduced the prior month urging the creation and funding by the City of Hudson Community Day in lieu of providing \$20,000 (as in each of the past 2 years) for this Committee to distribute to applicants to partially underwrite their community-wide events. Representatives from the Hudson Opera House were present and vehemently opposed the measure on the basis that they need the money esp. given that Taconic is moving its HQ to Rennsalar County. A representative from the Halloween Parade was also in attendance to support continued City funding of that and other events. While the Committee members attempted to explain that the alternative City funding was available these discussions fell on deaf ears. In the wake of angry scowls from the participating audience members, the Committee withdrew the resolution. O'Hara volunteered to provide new written procedures for the creation and maintenance of an arts advisory group or other methodology for grant analysis and awards.

The third order of business was a discussion of the mass gathering permit and fees. Given that no member of the Committee felt compelled to actually do any work on this item, the Chair deemed it tabled indefinitely.

The fourth order of business was a discussion of the lodging tax implementation and a review of the latest registration numbers from the Treasurer's Office. The Chair explained that returns were in the process of being filed and payments received; results will be available at the next meeting.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting, on proper motion and second, was unanimously adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John Friedman

Chairman