

Page Valley Art Council Minutes

27 July 2011

About: Arts & Cultural Movement dedicated to celebrate, promote & enhance the cultural heritage of the local community. (via Facebook)

Mission: Foster a regional creative economy by identifying, organizing and promoting our visual and performing arts, cultural activities and other creative endeavors. (via FB)

Website: arts.pagecounty.net

Attendees: Eleanor Ames, Cindi Banach, Nancy Brady, Frank DeSerio, Steve Hagen, Sara Levinson, Liz Lewis, Jim Mayes, Cathie Miranda, Susan Rocke,

‘Art Walk’: The info can go on the LDI webpage w/the picture files, a ‘postcard’ map will be available, at locations such as the Visitor Center, and will have a ‘QR’ code that can be scanned by a SmartPhone. We will be able to efficiently update and add to the tours as needed and will be cost effective and ‘green’. Time and distance will be added to the finished product.

*research the O.Winston Link and Maybury (sic) pictures to be included. (Town Office/Visitor Center)

*adding more groups to our inventory base. Eleanor Ames emailed several to me.

*Frank DeSerio is collecting artist’s names for his research and mentioned to keep scale in mind when we work on the art gardens (large).

‘Art Gardens’: Several groups are interested in placing art gardens. I have called Pat O’Brien, emailed Ken Beyer (Greenway Foundation) and spoken w/Sharon Burregg of Sustainable Shenandoah. Jim Mayes would like to do work w/Charlie Overman’s sculptures-I would like to work on this project w/Jim. Would someone like to do a ‘committee’ and coordinate all these groups and to meet w/Pat O’Brien to work on the process w/the Town?

We also discussed a permanent art, multiple artists' rendering of a county symbol- such as the mermaids in Norfolk. Page County is a 'railroad county' and we can use that for a county wide project, maybe some on the Greenway or in art gardens.

Don't forget Luray's Bicentennial

There is also a possible project w/LDI and the Downtown Merchants during October. The idea is to get pumpkins and 'decorate' them, not carve them, and display them in the windows. I believe Liz Lewis will be talking to the merchants, we could use a volunteer to get pumpkin donations and coordinate the decorating.

Fall Festival of the Arts: how about 17 September 2012?

Two points that have come up since our meeting that we can think on and discuss at the next meeting:

The title 'art walk' seems to conjure the idea of an event or a guided tour (having guides to take people about as Frank had suggested). It can be an event w/docents, especially if we want/can include the Page Theater. But initially it is a self-guided walking tour that includes all our artwork (not just a mural tour). Suggestions?

Town identity: Our sidewalks aren't big enough to put trains on. My friend noticed a lot of stars on buildings. Shenandoah is the 'daughter of the stars'. Along w/Page County being the 'Railroad County', would we like to do Luray-"city of the stars"? I like it, let me know what you think!

Next meeting will be 28 September, 6:00 pm, at the Warehouse Art Gallery (if Jim will have us there again).

Thank you all for attending, please call or email me if you have any questions, comments, concerns!