

City of Derby - Cultural Commission

Minutes of August 26, 2019

Dani Soto called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Rosalie Cota, China Mayhew, Sarah Miller, Dani Soto, Susan Schroeder

Members absent: Rich DiCarlo

Members from the public present: 1

A motion was made by Dani Soto to move the public portion to the beginning of the meeting. Motion granted.

-The member of the public, Lisa Brailey, brought gift certificate prizes that shall be awarded for the picture quiz.

-These certificates were given to Susan Schroeder who is officially taking over the picture quiz.

-A motion was made to extend the picture quiz deadline to 9/3. The winners will be announced at the 9/3 Derby Green Concert Series. Motion granted.

Old Business:

-As Lisa Brailey has recently submitted a letter of resignation to the Cultural Commission, Susan Schroeder was officially named as her replacement.

-A posted letter and/or email will be sent out to Rachel Kenyon, advising her that she is no longer considered a member of the Cultural Commission.

-Dani Soto reiterated that no members of the Cultural Commission shall go to City Hall to make any changes or amendments to Cultural Commission events/policies without prior approval from either him or Rich DiCarlo.

The exception would be Rosalie Cota going for financial matters.

-Rich DiCarlo, Dani Soto, and China Mayhew will be the three members with ability to make Cultural Commission website changes.

New Business:

-Floor was opened for Halloween event suggestions. It was determined that Saturday 10/26 would be a good date for a kid-friendly event on the Derby Green. China Mayhew suggested a pumpkin painting contest (with nut-free candy prizes). Rosalie or Rich will check what would be conducive to the budget for an event like this.

-It was voted to table the idea of an adult "Lantern Walk" for a future meeting.

-Susan Schroeder proposed using local historian Christine Boulay as a possibly source of information for enhancing Halloween events.

-Susan Schroeder proposed a contest where Derby residents decorate their front doors for the December holidays. It was voted to table this for a future meeting.

-Susan Schroeder proposed compiling another picture quiz. This time, the target participants would be grades 6-8 in Derby Schools, and the quiz would emphasize knowledge of historic buildings in downtown Derby. She proposed starting this now and announcing gift certificate winners on 10/26. All voted in favor. Susan will head this subcommittee.

-Susan Schroeder has composed an email to garner feedback from the vendors who participated in Derby Summerfest 2019. She will get approval from Rich DiCarlo and then email the vendors.

-We need a website and phone number dedicated to Cultural Commission matters. Dani Soto said he will talk to Pam Gagliardi about it.

-Rosalie Cota and Susan Schroeder will attend the next Board of Aldermen Meeting (9/12) to represent the Cultural Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Miller Cultural Commission Secretary