

Attendees: Jane Dorian, Nora Lucas, Violet Useda-Linder, Melissa Moak, Dan Sarnoff, Solange DeSantis, Jacqueline (Jackie)Meier, Jason Pinto, Melina Buie, Chari Topol-Allison, George Latimer, Marina Kiriakou, Lawrence Cohen

Meeting call to order by Jacqueline M., seconded by Melinda B. at 7pm.

- 1) Jason P – raised possibility of having local band and combine with promotion of local restaurants. Jackie M and Nora L raised concerns about crowd size and how to adhere to mandated social distancing guidelines. Violet UL asked if was possible to limit size via pre-registration/tickets – Jason thought that fencing area along with pre-registration might work.

George L. said that he would have issue reviewed on county level. Decision was made to have Jason P draft a letter (to be reviewed prior to sending) to George L. George L will present to county for further advisement on guidelines and possible liabilities.

- 2) Jackie M raised the idea of a drive-in movie that would allow community activity while social distancing. Jason P mentioned that the costs for set up would be high, plus the logistics of getting sound to each car. Idea was tabled for the time being.
- 3) Violet UL raised possibility to closing Avenue to allow local restaurants to extend their outdoor dining tables, limiting crowd size by having restaurants take reservations only. Nora L said that closing the Avenue was very costly and involved. She noted that the weather is a big factor in success and many times outdoor events have been cancelled for that reason.
- 4) Marina raised the idea of having mural displayed of painted surgical masks as an artistic expression for this pandemic. Idea was well received by all. Marina and others will work towards an August 1st unveiling – a draft outline of the plan was emailed on July 7th to the council for review and commentary.
- 5) Solange DeS. mentioned that the library was using zoom to reach out to the community. A poetry reading will take place this Friday at 2pm.

- 6) The Stepping stone path at the Harbor was raised again. Jamie (?) had been working on this prior to shut down. Chari A said that she spoke with Barry at the parks department and he said just tell him what to do and they will install them. Chari will contact Jamie to see if she is still interested in this project and/or if she can offer guidance on making the stones.
- 7) Jane D. mentioned the Artist's at the Library lectures by that Joycemarie Washburn and Jackie M. some of which were videoed. Possibility to using video medium as an outreach was discussed – follow-through will be needed on themes, video-ing, - etc.
- 8) Solange DeS. Mentioned that the St. Thomas orchestra is still active and practicing, though in a limited fashion. There might be some chamber music concerts in the near future with appropriate safety protocols in place.
- 9) Violet UL asked about having local art placed in some of the windows on the Avenue. This would give people the opportunity to express themselves and might attract more pedestrian traffic for the business on the Avenue. The art would not have to be limited trained artists only. The questions of promotion, distributing supplies, etc. were raised, but idea was well received. Violet asked guidance on how to organize, timeline and logistics as this is new to her. Jackie said she would give guidance.

Jane D called to close the meeting; Chari T seconded – at 8:15pm

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