

Saugerties Arts Commission AUG minutes 8-25_2025

Based on the transcript, the following people attended and actively participated in the meeting:

- Nina**
- Andrew**
- Hannah**
- Giselle**
- Other names (Lisa, Janine, Tina, Theresa, etc.) were mentioned but did not attend this meeting.**

General Summary of the Meeting

The Arts Commission meeting focused on several key areas of ongoing and upcoming work. Andrew updated the group on outreach to a traveling circus event at Tina Chauvis Park, exploring ways the Commission might promote volunteer opportunities and possibly host a welcoming potluck. The group discussed the importance of ensuring events align with the Commission's mission of accessibility and community engagement.

There was significant discussion about improving the Commission's social media presence. Hannah volunteered to develop a social media posting schedule using Canva, and the group agreed to create a written social media policy to clarify what can be promoted. The team also decided to use regular Facebook polls to gather community feedback and share results in newsletters.

Volunteer recruitment was another major topic. The group agreed to update their recruitment materials and website to specifically seek new members with event organizing experience, especially for the events committee. Hannah and Andrew were recognized for their work on the newsletter and website, and the group discussed ways to further highlight past events online.

Other topics included planning for the upcoming Mum Festival, with Hannah volunteering as a backup judge, and updates on school arts initiatives and music

programming. Several action items remain outstanding, including finalizing the social media policy, gathering feedback on event planning documents, and implementing new website features.

Overall, the meeting was collaborative, with members volunteering for tasks and agreeing on next steps to enhance community engagement and streamline Commission operations.

Decisions Made During the Meeting (with Timecodes and Names):

- **0:08:04** Nina and group agree to promote the Tina Chauvis Park event and volunteer opportunities on social media and the website, pending receipt of promotional materials from Andrew.
- **0:09:30** Andrew will resend the event planning Excel document to the group for feedback, and the group agrees to review and provide input.
- **0:16:03** Nina proposes, and the group agrees, to create a written social media policy for the Arts Commission.
- **0:23:00** Hannah volunteers to create a rough social media posting schedule using Canva, and the group supports this plan.
- **0:34:01** Hannah will send a draft of the social media schedule for feedback, and the group agrees to review it.
- **0:35:03** Nina asks for volunteers for the Mum Festival art judging; Hannah volunteers to be a backup judge, and the group accepts.
- **0:52:32** Nina proposes, and the group agrees, to recruit a new member specifically for the events committee.
- **0:54:21** Andrew will update the recruitment ad and share it for group input; the group agrees to this approach.
- **1:05:49** Andrew will create regular Facebook polls to gather community feedback, and the group agrees to share results in the newsletter and use them for planning.
- **1:16:19** Nina and Andrew agree to update the website's "seeking new members" section to specify desired skills and experience, with Hannah taking the lead on the update.

Outstanding Items from the Meeting:

- **Andrew to research volunteer opportunities and event details for the Tina Chauvis Park event and report back to the Arts Commission. (0:05:19)**
- **Andrew to resend the event planning Excel document to the group and collect feedback. (0:09:30, 0:11:19)**
- **Group to draft and finalize a written social media policy for the Arts Commission. (0:16:03)**
- **Hannah to create a rough social media posting schedule using Canva and share it for group feedback. (0:23:00, 0:34:01)**
- **Hannah to review and possibly take on organizing the art component of the Mum Festival, pending more information from Janine. (0:39:03)**
- **Andrew to provide updates on the school arts initiative as meetings and approvals progress. (0:40:11)**
- **Andrew to develop and implement a method (e.g., SurveyMonkey or Google Form) to gather community feedback and interest in volunteering. (1:00:00)**
- **Andrew to create regular Facebook polls for community input and report results in meetings/newsletters. (1:05:49)**
- **Hannah (with input from Andrew and Nina) to update the website's "seeking new members" section to specify desired skills and experience. (1:16:19)**
- **Group to consider creating a section on the website (or town website) to showcase past event photos and highlights; decision and implementation pending. (1:20:49)**