

Dumont Arts, Beautification, Economic Development Committee Minutes - Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Noreen Best - Present
Amanda Karpinski - Absent
Kenneth Melamed - Present
Maryann Russini - Present
John Sansone - Present
Beth Synnott - Present
Daniele Velez - Absent
Carole Stewart, Council Liaison - Present

Adoption of the March 16, 2023 was tabled until the May Meeting

New Business

Councilwoman Stewart announced the budget for the ABED Committee is \$7,500.

Ms. Savage from the Dumont Cultural Affairs, Inclusivity, Diversity and Celebration Committee asked if we would reach out to any residents of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) heritage to participate in the AAPI Art Show at Borough Hall on Sunday, May 7th.

Arts:

- The staff from the Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs is interested in meeting with the committee to discuss their mission and also discuss how we can work together.
- After much discussion the committee decided not to pursue painting a mural at the soccer hut at Memorial Park. The hut is not in the best condition so alternate sites will be pursued.
- Performing "The War of the Worlds" in October was discussed. Members are looking into the it.

Beautification:

- Discussion of possibly renting holiday decorations similar to what neighboring towns do was discussed. More information was needed as to costs, etc. and will be discussed at the May meeting.
- Veterans Banners – Maryann is going to get additional information concerning the cost.

- Vanity Gardens –
 - Researching who has the names/organizations responsible for each garden. The next step is to reach out to them to inquire if they are still interested in maintaining them.
 - Five planters were donated to the town and a discussion ensued about where they should be located. The current concrete planters are not in good shape so a vote was taken to eliminate the current concrete planters. (Motion-Maryanne Russini / second – Ken Melamed) Motion carried unanimously Maryanne will follow up with the town concerning plantings, etc.

Economic Development:

- The committee decided to reach out to Joanne Cimilucca, director of Bergen County's Division of Economic Development to inquire as to what programs are available for small businesses.

Motion to Adjourn – Beth Synott first, Ken Melamed seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7:30 PM