

# ARTIST ENCLAVE OF HISTORIC KENWOOD

## Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2015

Attendance: Rich Pollin, Jan Richardson, Grandy Smith, Maurice Bartikofsky, Mary Hausler, Kim Alderman, Barbara Lewis, David Gruskin, Steven Kenny, Dwayne Shepherd, Susan Williams, Curtis Sneary, Bob Jeffrey, Carolyn Gambuti, Linda Kellett, Brenda Gordon

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Craftsman House Gallery by AEHK Liaison Brenda Gordon.

II. Introductions: Jan Richardson is joining the AEHK as a new member. Jan is a potter, lives on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N and has many years' experience as a professional artist. She currently works out of studio space at the Morean Arts Center.

III. Website Update: In David Foote's absence, Brenda updated the group that David has uploaded Patron levels, Patron registration forms, and Artist Registration forms into the AEHK website. There still are a number of artists who've not yet sent photos of their work to him to upload on the website and all are encouraged to do so. He also requests that artists keep him apprised of news and content to post on the website. David's email is [dfoote@me.com](mailto:dfoote@me.com)

IV. Coordinator Reports:

a. Facebook: In Perry DeVick's absence, Brenda reminded the group to let Perry know of upcoming events so that she can post.

b. Membership: Mary Hausler is the new Coordinator and soon will be communicating with the membership to remind of that it's time for annual membership renewal. The membership fee is \$10. Membership registration forms are posted on line on the AEHK website for new members to complete. Brenda provided copies of membership forms to the group.

c. Patrons: Bob Jeffrey and Linda Kellett are working on plans to further develop the Patron program. Kim Alderman volunteered to assist as a committee member.

d. Events: Barbara Lewis led the group in a discussion of event considerations. A number of AEHK artists have been approached by gallery and/or business owners about showcasing AEHK artists. The group suggested a list of those interested in working with AEHK be reviewed by the Events Coordinators and Committee to prioritize. It was recommended that specific guidelines for hosts and for artist participation be developed. Development of an "emerging artist" category within these guidelines was suggested to differentiate from professional artists. Bob Jeffrey is willing to open his new property, currently under renovation, for a large AEHK event in March or April. Curtis Sneary proposed an idea to develop an ArtWalk series within the neighborhood. Discussion points included: a) events within the

neighborhood celebrate the special zoning enclave district and are a unique addition to the city's art activities b) branding such as "Neighborhood of the Arts" supports the neighborhood artist enclave status, is similar to the city's brand as "City of the Arts" and promotes the enclave as a destination c) Studio tours participating in an Artwalk should have reasonable walking distance for participants d) AEHK members only can participate e) for those without studio space partner with others on the tour so that multiple artists may exhibit at any one space or studio f) set up calendar of Art Walk events that can be planned and promoted. Actions: 1. Barbara Lewis will host an events committee meeting on 12/14 at her studio to initiate plans for an ArtWalk, discuss criteria for artist participation in events, and business criteria. 2. Provide Brenda Gordon the names and contact info of interested businesses so that a list can be developed and prioritized by the committee.

IV. Upcoming Events: Dwayne Shepherd updated the group regarding the opening at Davidson's which will be featuring AEHK artists (12/12 from 5p-8p). There is still room for more artists to display their work. Davidson's will offer a 10% framing and printing discount for AEHK members. The group was reminded of Perry DeVick and Joshua Bentley's opening on 12/11 at the Queenshead.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Craftsman House Gallery.

Minutes recorded by: Brenda Gordon AEHK Liaison