

RESOLUTION RE: ESTABLISHING THE ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, art is intrinsic to community quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a community where art and artists are valued, and where visual arts, literary arts, performing arts, and multidisciplinary arts, collectively “the arts,” are integrated into the fabric of our public spaces, encourages contemplative and creative thought while also serving to activate dormant public spaces, thereby further enriching Scarsdale’s aesthetic appeal; and

WHEREAS, developing and supporting policies, programs, and activities that promote the arts enhances and celebrates the social, economic, and cultural foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, realizing the community benefits of a thriving arts community requires thoughtful, deliberate advocacy for the arts, including recognizing, valuing, and promoting the contributions of artists, as well as increasing public awareness and appreciation for the importance of the arts; and

WHEREAS, nationally recognized arts communities harness the expertise, energy, and commitment of appointed resident volunteers to help develop and guide initiatives that support a vibrant local arts culture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a permanent advisory council to the Village Board of Trustees titled the Arts Advisory Council is hereby established, comprised of seven members, inclusive of a chair, each appointed to serve a two-year term, with a two-term maximum, which may be waived by approval of the Village Board; and be it further

RESOLVED it is the Village Board’s intent in establishing this Council that it shall work in coordination with staff to support increased public awareness and appreciation for the arts, the integration of art into our public spaces, and to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our local arts community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Purpose, Duties, and Membership of the Council are herein established in the Constitution of the Arts Advisory Council, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Submitted by: Mayor Hochvert
Date: March 26, 2019
For: March 26, 2019

CONSTITUTION
of the
Arts Advisory Council

ARTICLE I – NAME / EXISTENCE

This organization shall be known as the Arts Advisory Council.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council shall be to serve in an advisory capacity to:

1. Increase the understanding and enjoyment of the arts by Scarsdale residents.

Endeavor to make the arts integral to the fabric of daily life through promoting public awareness, participation, appreciation, and accessibility of the arts. Coordinate activities such as the presentation of lectures, exhibitions, and performances. Help to place Scarsdale in a global context while promoting critical dialogue that engages and informs a discerning audience.

2. Invite public participation in the interaction with public spaces.

Further enhance Scarsdale's aesthetic appeal to residents, business owners, and visitors through interesting, engaging, and thought-provoking installations and performances, as well as development of arts-oriented educational and social networking programs and activities.

3. Encourage collaborations between artists, building design and construction professionals, and local businesses.

Council members should leverage their presence in the community and their command of aesthetic considerations to build upon our unique sense of place by encouraging incorporation of the arts into the design of private structures and the appearance of the properties upon which they are located.

4. Encourage variety of art forms: temporary and permanent, object and event, single or dispersed locations.

Develop and oversee a multi-faceted strategy for the support and advancement of a rich tapestry of local public art, representative of the breadth of mediums available, Scarsdale's range of ethnic and cultural diversity, the richness of our local history, and the dynamic nature of emerging artistic influences across time and space.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES

The duties of the Council shall be to:

1. Prepare and submit for Village Board review and approval an Annual Workplan, inclusive of an appraisal of the Council's prior year accomplishments;
2. Advise the Village Board and Staff on recommended best practices in the area of public art and promoting the arts;
3. Assist with identifying and advancing public art installation and performance opportunities, including those that may be located on private property, but visible from the public right-of-way;
4. To the maximum extent feasible, spread opportunities for installations and performances among a wide number of local artists and strive for overall diversity in style, scale, and intent; and
5. Undertake studies and take other actions as may be requested from time to time by the Village Board.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

The Council shall consist of a maximum of seven members, inclusive of a chair, each appointed by and accountable to the Village Board of Trustees. Each member shall serve a two-year term with a two-term maximum, which may be waived by approval of the Village Board.

The Chair shall coordinate with Village staff in planning activities and events, including advance consultation regarding feasibility, proposed timing, and associated logistical and other requirements.