

ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Council Chambers

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: Ms. Foster called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Present: Bill Blizard
 Kimberly Adele
 Dylan Keith
 Joan Collar
 Becky Hilstad
 Ron McCray
 Kristin Thompson
 Jodi Rush
 David Wohl, Vice Chair

Also Present: Ruthie Foster, Arts and Cultural Events Coordinator
 Erin Pomrenke, Communications Manager

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. Arts & Cultural Events Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2024

III. Old Business

A. 2024/2025 Arts and Cultural Events Season Calendar and Financial Review

2024/2025 Arts and Cultural Events														AC Budget	CEF Budget
Member	Event	Date Time Location	Artist	Piano / Tuning	Sound	Backline	Lighting	Venue	Accom.	Food/Supplies	Misc.	Notes	AC Budget	CEF Budget	
Kristin	The Bluestone Ramblers	Sunday, September 15, 2024 4:00 - 6:00 PM The Kiawah Island Municipal Center	\$1,500								\$2,555	Misc. = Bar service	\$4,055		
Joan	Plano Bar with Hunter Feick	Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM The Sandcastle	\$350										\$350		
Joan	Plano Bar with The Joy Project	Wednesday, October 9, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM The Sandcastle	\$600										\$600		
Bill + Dylan	The Gatsby Orchestra	Tuesday, October 29, 2024 7:30 PM Seabrook	\$6,400		\$2,200		\$1,700			\$10		7:00 dance lesson prior to show	\$10,310		
Becky	Charleston Symphony Orchestra	Saturday, November 2, 2024 5:00 PM West Beach	\$38,400				\$1,700	\$3,542			\$10,160			\$53,802	
David	Tuba Skinny	Monday, November 11, 2024 7:30 PM West Beach	\$13,000		\$2,200		\$1,700	\$3,542	\$2,000	\$450		Hotel buyout		\$22,892	
Becky + Jodi	Andy & Friends: Chamber Trio featuring Stefan Jackiw and Yoonah Kim	Sunday, November 17, 2024 4:00 PM Holy Spirit	\$10,000	\$200									\$10,200		
Joan	Plano Bar with Glenn Brown	Wednesday, November 20, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM The Sandcastle	\$350										\$350		
Dylan	ZORA ft. Kimberly Adele	Sunday, November 24, 2024 7:30 PM West Beach	\$15,050	\$1,800				\$3,542		\$250	\$17,760	Misc. = PDA = Projected Encore Supervision Fee		\$38,402	
Joan	Plano Bar with Misha Pekar	Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM The Sandcastle	\$350										\$350		
Jodi	Young Artist Series: Caleb Borick, Pianist	Sunday, January 5, 2025 4:00 PM COOS	\$2,000	\$200							\$25		\$2,225		
Bill	Judy Carmichael	Tuesday, January 7, 2025 7:30 PM Seabrook	\$8,200	\$1,800	\$2,200	\$800	\$1,700		\$2,400	\$100				\$17,200	
Kristin	Liquid Pleasure	Friday, January 10, 2025 7:30 PM West Beach	\$6,250					\$3,542			\$250		\$10,042		
Jodi	OPERA! by Shakespeare	Friday, January 17, 2025 7:30 PM West Beach	\$12,000	\$1,800			\$1,700	\$3,542		\$150	\$500	Misc. = Tech	\$19,692		
Joan	Plano Bar with Gary Pecorella	Wednesday, February 5, 2025 5:00 - 7:00 PM The Sandcastle	\$350										\$350		
Kristin	Atlanta Rhythm Section	Friday, February 7, 2025 7:30 PM West Beach	\$12,500		\$2,200	\$2,351	\$1,700	\$3,542	\$2,000	\$325		Hotel buyout	\$24,618		
Becky + Jodi	Andy & Friends: Chamber Trio featuring Mak Grgic and Orion Weiss	Wednesday, February 12, 2025 7:30 PM West Beach	\$10,000	\$1,800			\$1,700	\$3,542					\$17,042		
Joan	South Carolina Ballet: Romeo and Juliet	Friday, February 14, 2025 7:30 PM West Beach	\$25,000					\$3,542	\$800	\$200				\$29,542	
Joan	Art Film: The Great Caruso	Tuesday, February 18, 2025 3:00 PM The Sandcastle									\$800	Misc. = Umbrella License	\$800		
Joan	Plano Bar with The Joy Project	Wednesday, February 26, 2025 5:00 - 7:00 PM The Sandcastle	\$600										\$600		

Bill	Sinatra: The Man and His Music by Moranz Entertainment	Friday, February 28, 2025 7:30 PM West Beach	\$16,500					\$3,542		\$150		\$20,192	
Joan	Piano Bar with Glenn Brown	Wednesday, March 5, 2025 5:00 - 7:00 PM The Sandcastle	\$350									\$350	
Joan	Art Film: Woodstock 2	Wednesday, March 12, 2025 3:00 PM The Sandcastle											
David	TUSK: The Classic Tribute to Fleetwood Mac	Tuesday, March 18, 2025 7:30 PM West Beach	\$15,000	\$2,200	\$1,700	\$3,542	\$1,500	\$450		Hotel buyout		\$24,392	
Joan	Art Film: The DaVinci Code	Wednesday, March 26, 2025 3:00 PM The Sandcastle											
Joan	Piano Bar with Bob Williams	Wednesday, April 9 2025 5:00 - 7:00 PM The Sandcastle	\$350									\$350	
Bill	19th Annual Blues by the Sea	Sunday, April 13, 2025 3:00 - 7:00 PM Freshfields	\$22,000									\$22,000	
Joan	Art Film: Casablanca	Wednesday, April 23 2025 3:00 PM The Sandcastle											
Jodi	Piccolo Spoleto Preview	Sunday, May 4, 2025 4:00 PM Holy Spirit	\$7,000	\$200								\$7,200	
Total												\$154,068	\$183,838
Arts Council Budget Breakdown			Trackable			Cultural Events Budget Breakdown						Trackable	
spendable	\$144,000		Spending	\$144,000	spendable	\$179,000		contingency	\$3,000		Spending	\$179,000	
contingency	\$5,000		Events Total	\$154,068	contingency	\$3,000		total	\$182,000		Events Total	\$183,838	
admin	\$7,000		Balance	\$10,068	total	\$182,000					Balance	\$4,838	
total	\$156,000												

*\$106,000 + \$50,000 previous ticket revenue = \$156,000

- The Council discussed the following:
 - Ms. Foster updated the Council on the upcoming Bluestone Ramblers event on 9/15, stating:
 - There will be bluegrass music, food trucks, and drinks for purchase.
 - Patrons are encouraged to bring their own chairs or picnic blankets.
 - Council Chambers will be set up as the backup location in the event of poor weather and the band is willing to play inside.
 - Neal Kinard, the Town’s video specialist, will be in attendance to get media content and audience testimonials.
 - Ms. Collar mentioned the upcoming Piano Bars with Hunter Feick on 9/18.

IV. New Business

A. 2024-2025 Season Updates:

- Ms. Foster gave the Council an update on the ticket sales for the upcoming Gatsby Orchestra, Charleston Symphony, and Tuba Skinny shows.
- Ms. Foster agreed to send reminders to Arts Council members to post on iKiawah and other resident platforms when tickets to their events release to avoid multiple Arts Council posts or messages at once. Mr. Wohl said he is willing to post on Facebook for members who are not active in the Kiawah Island group.
- Ms. Foster stated she is in the process of executing contracts for TUSK, and it will be announced on 9/20.

B. 2025 Meeting Dates:

- Ms. Foster noted the 2025 meeting date schedule she included in the meeting materials and encouraged members to make note of those dates. She stated the Sandcastle has upcoming closures, resulting in heavier demand on Council Chambers.

C. 2023-2024 Annual Report:

- Ms. Foster mentioned the publication of the 2023-2024 Annual Report and said once the printer is fixed, she would provide the Council with hard copies. Mr. Wohl noted the high-quality images provided by Mr. Keith included in the report.

D. Updated Arts Council Manual and Charter:

- Ms. Foster updated the Council on the Arts Council charter changes to go before Town Council the following week, stating the changes reflect the current structure of how the Arts Council, Arts Council Board, and Town’s staff work collaboratively.

E. Other:

- Ms. Foster stated she would miss the October meeting, but Ms. Pomrenke would assist in her absence.
- Mr. Wohl mentioned the importance of collaborating with Neal Kinard, the Town’s video specialist, to conduct artist interviews and other promotional material.

- Mr. Wohl provided a brief update on the Lowcountry Arts Center Board, asking if anyone had an update on the status of the Riverstone development.
- Ms. Collar stated that the South Carolina Ballet is requesting more funds (\$5,000) due to the increased price of the seating risers. Ms. Foster suggested having a raised stage, but that would be unsafe for the dancers. Ms. Foster stated the Council was already over budget by roughly \$14,000, and deferred the issue to her supervisor, Ms. Pomrenke. Ms. Collar said she would work with the ballet to try to find an alternative solution.
- The Council stressed the importance of groups and artists determining all relevant costs beforehand and honoring the contract.
- The Council discussed asking Town Council for a budget increase for the next season.
- The Council discussed creating a set policy for ticket revenue going forward.

V. Correspondence

None

VI. Chairman's Comments

None

VII. Public Comments

None

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Wohl motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blizzard and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Ruthie Foster

Ruthie Foster, Arts & Cultural Events Coordinator

Approved by,

David Wohl

David Wohl, Vice Chairman

10/14/24

Date