

Albion Cultural Exchange Committee Meeting Minutes, Calendar, and Information

11/4/20 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chris Carino, Kathy Frey, Doug Henning, Donna Murphy, Joy Schilling

Guests: Jonathan Chines

Minutes October minutes are pending from any member who attended in October

ACE Building

- **ACE Entrance ADA Remediation:**
 - The architect is working with Ann Waite on the bid set of drawings. Chris is working with Ann on abutter communication on rear entrance plans and easement.
 - There was discussion on several rear entrance style options including overall design and lighting types and locations. Input and questions for the architect were provided.
- **ACE Building Sign:**
 - Chris met with the Design Review Board and received recommendation input and approvals on the information needed to proceed with the next step which is to meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Chris to file ZBA application for their December meeting.
 - Once the entire approvals process has been completed, the sign can be built. Based on current sign requirements, the current sign invoice is \$5,900. The ACE committee members unanimously agreed on providing sign funding not to exceed \$8,000 that would be informed/modified by the remaining approval recommendations/needs.
- **Bathrooms**
 - An issue was reported to the DPW on an apparent sewer back up into both 1st floor bathrooms.
 - The tile work remediation is outstanding and a future effort.

Envision Project - Albion Street Scape Upgrade activities

- The latest info from the Envision project is that the ACE building will be included in Phase II and not Phase 1 as had previously been communicated. Phase 1 starts at Foster Street and goes down Albion towards North Ave. The ACE committee looks forwards to working on Phase II.

Arts Collaborative of Wakefield (ACW)

- The ACW group recently met to discuss how to best function in the current COVID 19 situation and to explore how to support our members and possible events, including virtual and non-virtual. After much discussion, there was agreement to regroup in January 2021 to assess the COVID 19 reality at that time and to determine if future virtual/non-virtual events were feasible.

Programming / Events

- Nothing is in the event queue due to the Impact of COVID 19.

ACE Funding

- Chris to pursue info on a state level grant program for handicap accessibility projects.
- Chris recently came across the concept of community/ arts development funding via local fees. There was discussion and interest in understanding and pursuing this as a possible avenue for funding.

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2020 ACE Events Calendar:

Note: April thru year end events cancelled due to COVID 19

Month	1 st Thur Event	Event	Coordinators and ACE Points of Contact	Event Concept Confirmed?
Feb 26 - 29		Arts & edibles	Ann Marie Gallivan	Confirmed
April 28		Room to Write event		Tentative
April 23-25		Art Blooms on Albion		Confirmed
May?		Acapella — WHS Choral	Chris	<i>To be Confirmed</i>
May		Wakefield Cultural Council Reception	Red Carpet Event/ Joy	To be Confirmed
May		Wakefield High School AP Art Show	Red Carpet Event / Joy	To be Confirmed
June	1 st Thurs	Wakefield High School JV Art Night	Joy	<i>To be Confirmed</i>
Oct	1 st Thurs	Nimble Thimblers Quilt Show	Kathy	<i>To be Confirmed</i>
Dec	1 st Thurs	ACW Art Show in tandem with Wakefield Holiday Stroll	Kathy	<i>To be Confirmed</i>
Dec		Acapella	Chris	<i>To be Confirmed</i>
TBD		Fall / Winter ACW Art Show (multiple days)	Kathy	<i>To be Confirmed</i>

Additional Albion Cultural Exchange Committee Info

ACE Committee Open Items:

- Promotion and communications
- Figure out the phone logistics now that ACE has a phone number.
- Joy is going to work on ACE info/flyer to be included in future Wakefield 101 materials.
- Membership levels
- Building Usage Guidelines (see below)
- Continue to refine the Building Usage Request form
- ACE mission statement
- Permanent ACE signage
- Bank account

Subcommittees:

- ***Press Releases*** subcommittee (John and Chris)
- ***Email program*** (Doug Henning)

Link to Wakefield related arts and cultural groups and businesses:

https://docs.google.com/a/wpsk12.org/spreadsheets/d/188dn-DQs5vZMk06dfNTXF3lQR9A_kPCbSylsVewuO20/edit?usp=sharing

Google calendar for ACE events and activities. To use this public calendar, you will need to subscribe to use it. albionculturalexchnge@gmail.com

ACE Building Wifi password: Wakefield the W is capitalized)

ACE Building Usage Rules/Guidelines

- Capacity: Seated: 50 / Standing: 125 / Classroom style with Tables: Less than 50
- Available Facilities and Equipment
- Main Gallery space including 1st floor office and food serving area
- 60 chairs / Six 6' tables
- Refrigerator and Freezer
- Trash Barrels and Recycle Barrels
- Carry in and Carry Out policy for trash and recycles
- Event coordinators are responsible for clean up after event
- Event coordinators responsible for all promotion and advertising
- ACE Committee will feature event on the ACE Website
- If the event is a fundraiser activity, then a 5% fee is due to the Albion Cultural Exchange building
- Need to include damage liability statement

Additional Albion Cultural Exchange Committee Info, Continued

Suggestion List for 1st Thursday or other ACE Events:

- Quilters Exhibit by Quilters Common of Wakefield
- Donald Wong: Qi Gong
- Friends of Lake Quannapowitt – Art Show
- Health and Wellness Event
- Comedy Night
- Celtic Knot Drawing (Joy)
- Arts Night with multiple events of music and visual artist demo's
- Restaurant Week Energy\Concept
- Music in the Street with Music Studios LB and Onset
- Honk Festival? Musicians in the Street

Pool of Promotional and Activity Ideas:

- Painting the crosswalk in front of the building (corner of Albion & Main)....maybe have people pose in it at events and takes pictures to start a new tradition..like the famous Beatles Photo....Abbey Way?
- Switchbox Art Project - or other name depending on public art locations identified inside of the immediate area which could be the overlay Arts District
- Public Art displays.....sculptures and other "installation options"
- Lake Art Walk concept
- Painting of light poles on Albion Street
- T – Shirt fundraiser

2019 ACE Events Calendar:

Month	1st Thur Event	Event	Coordinators and ACE Points of Contact
March	1 st Thurs	Arts & Edibles	Ann Marie Gallivan
May 2	1 st Thurs	Acapella – WHS Choral	Chris
May 8		Wakefield Cultural Council Reception	Red Carpet Event/ Joy
May 9		Wakefield High School AP Art Show	Red Carpet Event / Joy
June 6	1 st Thurs	Wakefield High School JV Art Night	Joy
July	1 st Thurs	No event due to town 4 th of July festivities	
Oct	1 st Thurs	ACW Art Show (multiple days) – <i>Music for Your Eyes</i>	Kathy
Nov	1 st Thurs	Andy Levine Art Show	
Dec 19		Acapella	Chris

2018 ACE Events Calendar:

2018 Month	1st Thur Event	Event	Coordinators and ACE Points of Contact
January	1 st Thurs	No event scheduled	
Feb 1		Card Making Class	Doug and Mrs Henning
Feb 7	1 st Thurs	Word Art Signs	John
March 2	1 st Thurs	Arts & Edibles	Ann Marie Gallivan, Joy
April 5-7	1 st Thurs	Art Blooms on Albion	Ann Marie Gallivan, Joy
May 4	1 st Thurs	Spring Acapella	Chris
May 5		Mini-Metal Book Making Class	Doug
May 16		Wakefield Cultural Council Reception	Joy
May 17		Wakefield High School AP Art Show	Joy
June 7	1 st Thurs	Wakefield High School JV Art Night	Joy
Nov 18		Wakefield Garden Club Member Event	Chris
Dec 1 -2		ACW Art Exhibit	Kathy
Dec 21		Holiday Acapella	Chris

2017 ACE Event Calendar: First Thursdays and Other Events

2017 Month	1st Thur Event	Event	Coordinators
January		<i>No event scheduled</i>	
February		<i>No event scheduled</i>	
March 2	1 st Thurs	Film Screening: <i>Food Fight</i>	
April 6	1 st Thurs	Art Blooms on Albion	
April 20		Play 15: Music Mini-lessons	School vacation week
May 4	1 st Thurs	<i>No event (conflict with town mtg)</i>	
May 17		Wakefield Cultural Council Reception	
May 18		Wakefield High School AP Art Show	
May 19 /20		Shaw Art Show	
May 25		ACW Art Demo Night	ACE Point of Contact: kathy
June 1	1 st Thurs	Wakefield High School JV Art Night	ACE Point of Contact: Joy
July	1 st Thurs	<i>No event scheduled</i>	
August	1 st Thurs	Moana ‘Sleep In’ for Kids	LauraMarie Small ACE Point of Contact: Tasha
Aug 23		Sweet Bay Arranging Class	Tasha is the ACE POC
September	1 st Thurs	One Degree Public Art Project	Ann Marie Gallivan is the POC
Sept 9		Bread Store – Baking Event	Chris is the POC The Bread shop is selling tickets
Sept 18		Writers Gathering	Proposed by Colleen Getty Doug is the POC
Sept 23		Sweet Bay decorating class	
Oct 5	1 st Thurs	Movie: ‘Food Fight’	Chris is the POC
Nov 2	1 st Thurs	Class: Holiday Card and Tag Class	ACE Point of Contact: kathy
Nov 9		Garden Club workshop	Chris is the POC
Dec 1 - 3		ACW Art Exhibit	Coordinate with Holiday Stroll ACE Point of Contact: Kathy
Dec 7	1 st Thurs	FOLQ art show	Joy is POC
Dec 22		Acapella	Chris is POC

Initial Focus Areas for 2017

- Near term: Form and Rules for ACE Building Usage
- Near term: Wakefield 101 Info sheet for the ACE
- Near Term: 1st floor painting and clean up and 1st floor bathroom and sink
- Near term: Exterior signage for the building
- Mid-term: Usage plan.
- Once near term is completed, put energy into having events in the building and increasing awareness and usage of the Cultural Exchange