

**CITY OF KINGSTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted to the Kingston Arts Commission by Marion Kitt Potter 5.12.22*

**ARPA FUNDING UPDATE FROM GRANTS MANAGEMENT** –The City is advertising to hire an ARPA manager, who will join the Grants Management staff. We'll hopefully have someone in place early summer. Please share the job announcement: [https://kingston-ny.gov/filestorage/8399/8469/8539/ERP\\_Project\\_Manager.pdf](https://kingston-ny.gov/filestorage/8399/8469/8539/ERP_Project_Manager.pdf)

We're also developing checklists to help us ensure we're meeting federal procurement and contracting requirements, which are very stringent. John Tuey doesn't want to begin spending funds until we're certain all of our ducks are in a row. He anticipates heavy audit scrutiny with the funds. So programs will begin to roll once the manager is here and the checklists are ready.

**ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE I**

**From 2021 Kingston State of Culture report – “What is Missing?” 1. Coordination of Events and Collective Marketing; 2. Transportation to Arts and Cultural Events Around Kingston (this also applies county-wide).**

**What are the solutions to the latter?**

**C7- DEIA – ENSURING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE ARTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING**

The Departments of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Health and Wellness and Radio Kingston are pleased to announce **Music and Movies in the Parks 2022**. The series is free and open to the public. We are in the process of contracting the finals. Promotions will start Memorial Day weekend.

Saturday, July 9 <sup>th</sup> - Academy Green	Jazz: Michael Bisio, Juma Sultan, Joe McPhee, Fred Lonberg-holm (7:00pm) /Movie: (8:30pm)
Saturday July 23 <sup>rd</sup> - TR Gallo	Folk/Country Rock: Kurt Henry and Dog Knows (7:00pm)
Saturday July 30 <sup>th</sup> - TR Gallo	Movie: History of the Rondout Then & Now (8:30pm)
Friday August 5 <sup>th</sup> - Dietz Stadium	Movie: Cool Runnings (8:30pm)
Friday August 12 <sup>th</sup> - Hutton Park	Latin: Alessandra (7:00pm) /Movie: Encanto (8:30pm)
Saturday August 20 <sup>th</sup> - TR Gallo	NY Funk Alliance (7:00pm)
Saturday August 26 <sup>th</sup> :	<i>RAIN DATE</i>

**D1 – POLICY AND FUNDING**

- Regarding #1 - We have funding to enjoin a consultant(s) to assist with capacity building for Implementation Phase I and need to move this along. The following are the recommendations from KAC members who could spend time with me - **Consultants:** 1. To work on city-wide shared calendar after which an assistant should be hired to facilitate year to year; 2. To establish a comprehensive database of creatives; 3. To launch a real Social Media/PR Campaign for the KAC.

I further request advisory from the KAC regarding justification (community and economic impact) for this division/position and identifying diverse funding streams to sustain and advance the CoK ACA's mission.

**D3- HOUSING AND ZONING**

Housing Initiatives Director Bartek Starodaj asked that I sit on the panel for the 615 Broadway RFEI Evaluation as I represent both affordable/workforce housing and the arts. Part of the requirement is that the Deep Listening Plaza be maintained within or outside of this mixed-use space. We reviewed two proposals from qualified bidders and upon discussion, agreed that we need the bidders to sit for interviews. There will be a public process.

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**ON BEHALF OF THE KINGSTON ARTS COMMISSION**

**TECHNOLOGY AND WEBSITE SWEEP**

I am respectfully requesting input from the KAC on information that should be presented via the KAC and Engage Kingston pages, and how the latter should be used to further engage the community to advance Implementation Phase I.

**OUTREACH**

I continue to schedule meetings with artists, arts, cultural, education, city and county leaders as well as elected officials to get feedback/input on the Master Plan's Action Plan Detail section, seek ways to improve upon/build collaborations and alliances, and especially to support new and existing creative initiatives and causes.