

On motion of TRUSTEE OLVER, seconded by TRUSTEE SIMMONS, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, with a vote of 5-0

Resolution #78-2019

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities have long been a significant and vibrant part of the character of the Village; and are intrinsic to community quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Village is committed to continuing and increasing and supporting the presence of artists, writers, performers, and musicians in the community, and the access of the whole community to arts and humanities; and

WHEREAS, developing and supporting policies, programs, and activities that promote the arts and humanities continue to enhance and celebrate 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, musicians, performers and writers as well as increasing public awareness and appreciation for the importance of the arts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that a permanent advisory council to the Village Board of Trustees titled the Arts & Humanities Advisory Council (AHAC) is hereby established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that such council shall be comprised of no fewer than three nor more than seven members, inclusive of a chair. Initial appointments shall be staggered to avoid all terms expiring at the same time. Successors of all initial appointees shall be appointed to full two-year terms. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is the Village Board's intent in establishing this Council that it shall work 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: the AHAC shall advise the Village on matters that the Village may refer to the Council and may, from time to time, bring relevant matters to the Village's attention for consideration related to the charter of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: in addition to the foregoing, the AHAC shall provide a written annual report in December of each year summarizing the activities undertaken by the council in that year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it shall promote and stimulate interest and participation Village-wide in arts and humanities events in public venues, and may work not only with the Village, but with the schools, private corporations, individuals, non-profit organizations, and other community groups to do so.

Dated: May 20, 2019