

Mr. Brian Healy
Village Manager
Croton On Hudson

Dear Bryan,

Season's greetings and thanks for affording me the opportunity to Chair the Village's Arts and Humanities Council.

As agreed, in 2023 we held monthly meetings each month at the Croton Free Library. The council, as currently comprised, consists of myself, Valerie Leis, Tom Kristich, Eren Johnson, Andy Farber, Sherry Horowitz, Nora Nicholson, and most recently Samantha Raines, Jason Stern and Robert Terrell.

Ours is a fairly broad and ill defined canvas, so much of our time has revolved around refining that scope.

We have concluded that the village needs to have a long term plan in place for the acquisition/commission and display of public art.

We initiated and developed a four part Jazz Concert series to begin this weekend at the Croton Free Library.

We have initiated a plan to honor the esteemed composer Aaron Copland, who was a part of this community, in the year 2024. We are in dialogue with the Copland House, Bennett Conservatory, Cortlandt Regional Music Association, Inc. and local High School.

Some attention has been paid to the visual aesthetic of the upper village with a focus on ways that the arts and business can synergies. On open streets concept similar to that deployed in NYC has been contemplated for the dummy light area.

At the request of Mayor Pugh, we examined the viability of emulating the Provincetown "Trap Shed" model , to service the structural needs of the arts community in the village. It was concluded that there don't seem to be any structures within the village proper, that would satisfy the needs for sanitary facilities parking and most importantly, traffic that would be necessary to ensure the success of such a venture. It was mentioned that

if a well lit, airy multifunctional public space could be configured into the “Lot A” development, that could be popular and successful.

It has been concluded that it would be desirable to conduct an art needs survey get a measure of what the community wants. That, in a nutshell is. What we have been considering. Feel free to call should you have further questions.

Best,

Ken Sargeant Chair
Croton Arts and Humanities Council
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