



# Town of Seymour

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## CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

**Meeting December 14, 2010**

**Strand Movie Theater**

**6:00 PM**

**Commission Member Present:** Judy Simpson Valerie D'Anna Priscilla Altorelli  
Linda Bellavance Kim Osgood Mary Bavrin

**Others Present:** Megan Tarby: downtown merchant

**Called to order:** 6:05 PM

Judy Simpson introduced Megan Tarby, downtown business owner. Ms. Tarby has volunteered to produce a Burlesque Show at the Strand Theater in June 2011, to raise funds for Strand Renovations. Although it is only in the planning stages, she has a choreographer, caterer and make-up and costume people on board. Show will last approx. 2 to 2 1/2 hrs. and depending on how well ticket sales go, it may play more than one show. All proceeds will go to the Renovation Fund. Ms Tarby will contact Geri Swinik to secure a schedule for rehearsals and availability of small back room behind the stage.

Kim Osgood reported that Jimmie Tzepois would like to hold another wine tasting fund raiser this winter. Committee was very grateful for the support of the downtown merchants. Kim will follow-up contact with Jim.

**Strand Report:** No report

Kim Osgood reported that the cleaning seemed to be going well. Had not received any complaints. The Committee will send a letter to Geri Swinik, theater manager and request a list of fees and charges that she uses as rental costs. The Commission would like to have an actual cost sheet for different organizations, days of the week and different event rental fees.

Members of the Committee will begin to catalog movie posters for eventual sale at the Auction House or eBay.

Linda Bellavance reported to the Commission that she was in contact with Charlie Corrente regarding a Star Wars Marathon at the Strand in April 2011. He will be able to supply us with members of the Star Wars fan Club in complete costume to attend the marathon and intermingle with movie goers. 3 movies to be played back to back during a 1 day period. Starting at approx. 2:00 pm and running through approx. 11:00pm. Ticket costs to be discussed at a later date. Mr. Corrente will be invited to the January meeting to give the Commission a presentation.

**Minutes:** Priscilla Altorelli motioned that Minutes be accepted as read, second Mary Barvin **Vote:** All in Favor 1 abstention, Linda Bellavance

**Treasurer's Report:** See attached Mary Bavrin motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, Second Valerie D'Anna **Vote:** All in Favor

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Simpson reported that First Saturday had gone well, there was a very large turn-out, stores were full and streets were busy. Santa's arrival was a bit disorganized and steps will be taken next year to bring a little more organization to the chaos! It was suggested that Santa come in on the 6:30 train to alleviate the large crowds on Main Street during the height of the shoppers evening. This way families only interested in seeing Santa will have come and gone by 7:00 and free up parking for the shoppers and folks coming to see the Carolers. The Carolers will not attend the train arrival next year, keeping to the shops and sidewalks at upper Bank Street during that time. It was reported to the Commission that a small problem had arisen during the event, as a store Santa went out to stand across the street from the train in full view of children who were seeing 2 Santa's at the same time! Several parents were very angry and spoke to the store Santa about getting out of view because children would become very confused. Chairman Simpson will speak to store owner about the confusion.

Mary Bavrin will contact Al DeCant about singing at the mid month June 2011 block dance. Mary also reported that Flashback's contracts had been returned.

Founder's Day entertainment / John Banker 1-3 (Valerie to contact)

Phoenix (Beer Garden all day) Kim to contact

Skinny Tuba costs too high (Val to let know not interested)

Kerry Boys (stroll during the day) Valerie to contact

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:30 PM made by Linda Bellavance Second Kim Osgood.

**Vote:** All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bellavance*

Secretary

EXPENDITURES 2010-2011 BUDGET SINCE NOV. 9TH MEETING

1250.00 K of C Rental December  
900.00 Purchase Order 71441 Flashback June Block Dance  
900.00 Purchased Order 71442 Flashback September Block Dance  
430.00 Balance on Carolers  
15.50 Judy Simpson - Postcards PO taken out for 50.00  
914.99 K of C Oil  
374.78 CL&P October  
4785.27 Total

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

7500.00 Rent  
6607.51 Purchased Services  
584.50 General Supplies  
100.00 Building Improvements  
6259.93 Electricity  
5921.07 Other Utilities  
  
26973.01 Total