Resolution No. 3203

A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo
Establishing the San Anselmo Art Commission

The Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo does hereby resolve as follows:

1. Findings. The Town Council finds as follows:
   a. The growth and flourishing of art and culture enhances the quality of life in a community, and contributes to the public’s enjoyment of life, education, sense of community pride, and local identity;
   b. The encouragement of art and culture is an appropriate matter of concern to the Town;
   c. The Town’s prestige and general welfare will be promoted by providing recognition that art and culture, and the creative spirit which motivates them and which they personify, are valued as an essential part of the Town’s resources;
   d. In order to implement these findings, it is desirable to establish an Art Commission (hereinafter "Commission") to provide such recognition and encouragement in the promotion of art and culture in the community.

2. Purpose
   a. The goal of the Commission is to add to the cultural character of San Anselmo.
   b. The objectives of the Commission include:
      i. Providing a structure for organizing artists of various disciplines in the community to provide art enrichment to the public;
      ii. Promoting and exhibiting art and cultural, works produced by San Anselmo artists.
      iii. Promoting art education in the community and supporting art education in the schools.
      iv. Raising funds for the development and implementation of projects and programs that promote the purpose of the Art Commission.
v. Establishing a relationship between artists and the local business community, and encouraging economic benefits between art and business.

vi. Organizing community resources to better serve local artists and art groups of San Anselmo and its citizens.

3. Powers and Duties

The Arts Commission shall exercise the powers reasonably necessary to perform and carry out its responsibilities as delegated by the Town Council. The duties of the Commission include:

a. Acting in an advisory capacity to the Town Council on artistic, aesthetic, and other cultural aspects of community life.

b. Submitting an annual report to the Town Council on its finances, programs, and activities.

c. Working cooperatively with Town boards, commissions, departments, and other public and private organizations in promoting art and cultural activities within the Town.

d. Encouraging public-private partnerships, including the raising of funds, to assure the survival of the arts in the Town.

4. Membership

The Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the Town Council, and shall serve without pay.

5. Composition and Appointment

The Council shall consider, but is not restricted to, the following criteria in making appointments to the Commission:

a. Residency in the Town of San Anselmo or its sphere of influence; No more than three (3) members of the Committee shall be non-residents of the Town.

b. Representation of a variety of art disciplines on the Commission, including but not limited to the following:

i. Performing arts, such as drama, music, and dance;

ii. Visual arts, such as painting, sculpture, photography, graphics, video art, and applied art;
iii. Literary arts, such as literature, poetry, and journalism;

iv. Communications arts involving film, television, and radio;

v. Arts education, such as schools, libraries, and community education; and

vi. Funding, such as fund raisers, representatives of public and private funding agencies, and art patrons;

c. Availability of time to participate actively as a working member of the Commission.

d. The recommendation of the Commission; the Commission shall interview applicants to the Commission and make a recommendation to the Council.

6. Term of Office

Members of the Art Commission shall be appointed to terms of three (3) years; provided that the first Committee members appointed shall serve a differing number of term lengths to accomplish a staggering of the appointment schedule so that no more than one-third of the seats shall expire in any one year.

7. Removal

Any member of the Art Commission may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the total voting membership of the Council. Vacancies for the remainder of unexpired terms as a result of removal, resignation, or any other cause shall be filled at the next expiration of terms of other seats on the Commission, if the expirations are less than six months away.

8. Officers, Meetings, and Rules

a. The Commission shall annually elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers deemed necessary for the efficient functioning of the Commission.

b. All meetings of the Commission shall be public. Regular meetings shall be held no less frequently than quarterly at a scheduled time and place. Minutes of all Commission meetings shall be public
c. Except as herein limited, the Commission shall have the power to prescribe its own manner of conducting meetings and to prescribe its own rules of order and procedure.

d. The Commission may establish Committees as it sees fit to accomplish its goals and objectives.

9. Art Fund and Expenditures

A fund of the Town is hereby created entitled "Art Fund" into which shall be placed all funds received by the Town or by the Commission for operations of the Commission and/or the enhancement of the artistic and cultural character of the Town. Expenses required for the development and implementation of the projects and programs of the Commission shall be made from this fund. The Commission shall submit an annual report to the Council on the revenues, expenditures, and fund balance of the Art Fund.

10. Appeal

Any action of the Commission may be appealed to the Town Council upon filing a written appeal to the Town Clerk within ten days of the date of the action.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the San Anselmo Town Council at the regular meeting of October 13, 1992, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Breen, Chignell, Yarish, Zaharoff, Kanis

NOES: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

[Signature]
TOWN CLERK