

SUFFOLK COUNTY FILM COMMISSION
July 6, 2016
MINUTES

Attendance: Vincent Butta, Naomi Hogarty, Donna McKenna, Greg Schimizzi, Lenny Stucker, Diana Cherryholmes, Stephen Taub,

Absent: Jim Vignato, Julie Stone, Greg Pace, Campbell Dalglish, Susan Gatti, Jake Gorst, Dylan Skolnick,

Public: Taylor Jenkins

Staff: Erin Reyes, Janet Scheel

Meeting called to order 10:00 a.m.

Cherryholmes asked for consideration of May minutes, Lenny moved, Greg second, unanimous.

Cherryholmes asked that we continue to use #FilmSuffolk in social media.

Networking updates:

- New York Women in Film and Television sponsorship/presence at Muse Awards, Designing Women and Member meeting along with online presence. Erin designed a great page for Designing Women to honor *The Affair* team.
- Produced by NY will happen, they haven't sent us sponsorship information to date.
- Industry Mixer during Hamptons International Film Festival; need to set a date with HIFF team.
- Directors Guild of America events Suffolk County Film Commission presents Industry Conversations hosted by David Nugent/Lenny Stucker.
 - Naomi recommended that we interview the artists/directors/celebrities with a favorite Suffolk questionnaire, aka what is their favorite pizza parlor, beach, ice cream? The questionnaire could also be used as a press release.
 - Lenny requested that the event proposal be put in writing sans celebrity confirmation.
 - List (in formation): Ralph Macchio (Diana), Ed Burns (Vincent), Gavin O'Connor (Vincent), Isabella Rossellini (Campbell/Dylan), Brooke Shields (Lenny), Bob Balaban (Donna)
- NYPA (New York Producers Alliance) for 2017 pre-Sundance event.

Advisory Board:

Diana shared notes from May networking meeting and asked for feedback. Lenny and Steve said that celebrities may not favor participating in this kind of advisory board. Although we are seeking their support (non-financial) we could do so in a testimonial format that would also include other industry staff such as line producers, location managers, directors, etc.

Naomi motioned to table the Advisory Board in favor to seek Testimonials, Lenny seconds, unanimous

New Business:

Naomi would like to host a meeting with Union leaders. Diana asked to invite Julie. Naomi recommended meeting late August. Topic: extension of zone.

Donna asked if the MTA would discount tickets for those that are commuting to LI for film work. Diana said she would find the LIRR/MTA contact.

Motion to adjourn 11:02am nominated by Donna, Lenny and Naomi second, Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Cherryholmes
Suffolk County Film Commission Chair

Next meeting: September 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.