

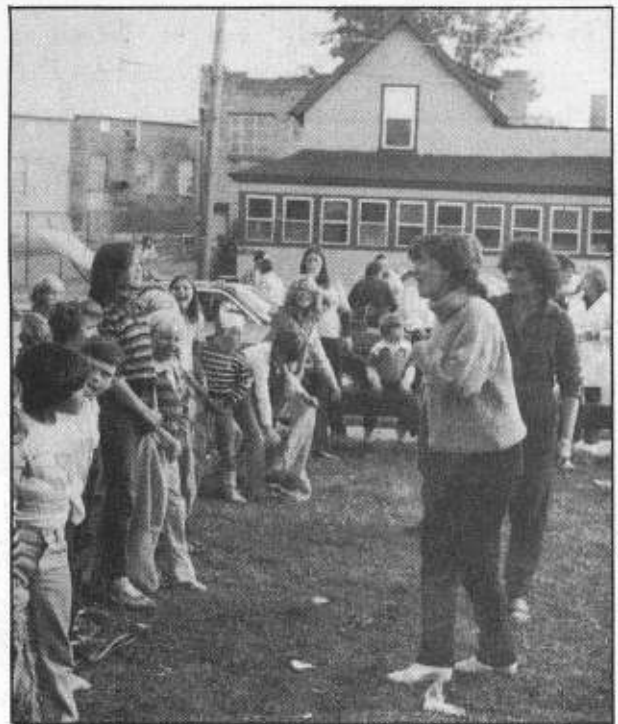
Operating Expenses	Proposed	Total to date 7/1/82-6/30/83	Quarterly totals 4/1/83-6/30/83
Salaries	13,000	13,700	3,452
FICA	1,000	909	218
Insurance		2,834	1,664
Interest	580	580	-
Phone	730	896	-
	400	406	166
Conferences/lunches	50	68	-
	200	150	57
Copying	150	179	112
Printing	450	316	-
Office supplies/Expenses	160	217	108
Legal	-	-	-
Dues	75	50	-
Park Maintenance	1,000	778	81
Bldg. Operations	820	421	45
Capital Expenditures			
Typewriter	235	235	-
Answering machine	105	106	-
Signage	250	50	50
Garage roof replacement	600		
Snow fence	100	81	
Miscellaneous			
Typing	25	4	
Newspaper	100	34	
Temp. Rent, Director	400	400	
Miscellaneous		14	14
	<u>522,287</u>	<u>\$22,428</u>	<u>\$6,197</u>

MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

**DOREEN KRAFT
DIRECTOR**

The Mayor's Arts Council has existed now for 2½ years. This year we are proud to be receiving partial funding from the City itself. This is a recognition by the new administration of the impact that art has on the quality of people's lives, our children's future and our local economic growth and development. We believe art is as important as sidewalk and street repair, new snowplows or education. As this city moves cautiously from a large city to a more metropolitan one, art will play an even more significant role in deciding the blueprint of our future.

With these opening thoughts I think it is important to state how the Arts Council differs from other arts presentors and organizations in the city. It is understood that in representing the city it is our role to act as a liaison with the existing arts organization and to work together to meet the challenges of growth and change. It is our underlying understanding that we exist to bring art entertainment to those whose access is limited by social or economic causes. More importantly, we must confront the growing problems of alienation that are inherent in modern culture; such as the separation of creativity from community and the transformation of



the activity of recreation and creation into the passivity of consumption.

These problems are deeply rooted and not easy to change; but we try by choosing shows whose content reflects the values of ordinary people's lives, that break down the distance between audience and performer and that will move people to question and challenge assumptions long held dear.

It is our hope that through a dialogue with the arts that people will have an authentic experience. One that they

can respond to, that will have an impact upon them and that they can share with their families and friends.

The Arts Council has through the years given support to many small organizations, dance groups, visiting artists, and most important Vermont artists. City Hall Auditorium has become a busy performing arts space, with plays, poetry reading, lectures, films and more.

Some of our programs this year were:

Joan Baez in concert

Robert Small, dancer performing in work-places and City Departments

Bread and Puppet Theatre

Community Arts Program – Placing unemployed artists in community centers, Senior Citizen Centers, etc.

Neighborhood Festivals at North St., Northgate, Riverside; the South End.

Ketch Dance Co. and Gould & Stearns Mime Duo – **Lost Nation Theatre Waterfront Week** – Week-long activities on Burlington's Waterfront, films, picnic, ferry rides with dancing, music, jugglers' convention.

Battery Park Concerts – Every Thursday evening under the stars in the summer. Vermont's finest showcase of the performing arts.

Continual Art Exhibits at City Hall's Municipal Art Gallery.

Our office at City Hall is always busy. There is a constant flow of people with new ideas, questions, observations and new programs. It is growing exponentially, and we are always looking for more volunteers.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and supporters in the community who have made this year so successful.

This is what we call working together for a better Burlington.

MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON WOMEN

The Mayor's Council on Women convenes women's organizations citywide to work for equal status for the women citizens of Burlington. The Council seeks to raise awareness of women's issues through special projects, develops programming and suggests public policy aimed at changing public attitudes about women's roles, and acts as an information and referral source on a variety of women's issues.

In 1983, the Mayor's Council on Women was restructured to include delegates representing fourteen local women's organizations in addition to several at-large members. Thus, the Council is now the only area organization which acts as a coalition of all major women's groups. Several projects were initiated by the Mayor's Council on Women this year. They include the Self-Defense Program, Women and the Law Conference, the Whistlestop Program, Job Fair, Commission Appointment Information Night and several endorsements and co-sponsorships.

Self-Defense Program

The Mayor's Council on Women designed and implemented a self-defense program for women, girls, senior citizens and handicapped residents. It was a tremendous success; 190 people made inquiries. Of those 130 women and girls were registered for self-defense classes. Instruction for seniors was held at two senior citizen housing centers and the Interfaith Senior Center. Handicapped enrollment was free and instruction was done on a one to one basis. The Program was city financed (\$1,000), enough for publicity, printing costs and instructor fees



for fourteen classes. Self-Defense instructors were Debra Cramton and Britt Vitols. Pre-spring enrollment is already at 65. Additional funding is anticipated so that the program will be continued in the spring.

Women and the Law Conference

The Mayor's Council on Women sponsored the first Women and the Law Conference ever held in Burlington. The Conference was designed to address the severe needs of low income women and their inaccessibility to the legal system. Shelly Mayer, Assistant Attorney General, New York City, was the keynote speaker. Her topic "The Law and the Patriarchy" was the theme of the day. Workshops were facilitated by area lawyers and other professional women. A legal clinic was staffed on a rotating basis all day by three local attorneys. An annual Women and Law Conference is under consideration as are mini-versions to be held in city neighborhood centers.

Whistlestop Program

The Whistlestop Program, (successful in many U.S. Cities), is an effort designed to decrease street violence. The Mayor's Council on Women raised \$1200 to purchase and distribute whistles to area citizens. The Council is in the process of developing a program to increase community awareness of the whistles and their use.