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Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut Tuesday, September 21, 2021

1. Call to Order

Chair Colatrella called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Lynne Colatrella, Marti Etter, Dennis Collins, Lisa Cuscuna, Valerie Cooper, Michael Moran, Lou Ursone

Commissioners Absent: Angie Durrell, Jennifer McIntosh

Staff: John Varamo, Program Manager of Stamford Arts & Culture

3. SAC Grant Application Review Criteria/Rubric

- a. Mr. Varamo presented the current grading rubric, and Ms. Cuscuna presented her revisions.
 - i. Topics for review are:
 1. artistic merit
 2. relevance & value to the community
 3. public accessibility
 4. social equity & outreach
 5. effective marketing plan
 6. support for local artists/talent
 7. effective COVID-19 contingency plan
 8. new applicant/reliable past applicant
- b. The commission discussed combining the strongest aspects of both grading rubrics.
- c. The commission agreed that each category of review needs a brief description.
- d. Mr. Varamo stated he would compile the grading criteria rubric as discussed and add brief descriptions for each review category and would send it to the commissioners via email for feedback

4. Adjournment

With no more business to conduct, the meeting was concluded at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Etter
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