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# STAMFORD ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

FOSTERING THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, & CULTURAL ARTS

**Lynne Colatrella**  
Chair  
**Valerie Cooper**  
Vice-Chair  
**Marti Etter**  
Secretary

**Members**  
Dennis Collins  
Lisa Cuscuna  
Michael Moran  
Lou Ursone

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## Meeting Notice

**Date:** Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Place:** Zoom

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## Agenda

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Colatrella calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am

### 2. Roll Call

- a. Commissioners Present: Colatrella, Cooper, Cuscuna, Moran, Watkins, Etter, Ursone, Collins
- b. Commissioners Absent: Nabel

### 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Chair Colatrella asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Etter makes a motion and Mr. Ursone seconds. Cooper, Cuscuna, Collins, and Colatrella vote to approve. Moran abstains

### 4. Staff Report - Aaron

- a. Mentions Ms. Cuscuna had approached Anita about possible applying for the CT Humanities grant, and grants recommended applying for the November one.

### 5. Chair Report – Lynne

- a. Mural Update
  - i. Mayor added \$50K to budget for the Mural and still needs to be approved by all the Boards for the FY23-24 process.
  - ii. Ms. Colatrella notes that she is such a proponent of public art and believes this could kick public art off across the city.

- iii. Commissioners debate whether they can fundraise, and what qualifies as non-controversial and non-divisive as the BOF stipulated.
- b. State Arts and Culture District
  - i. Chair Colatrella briefly skims over the State Arts and Culture District, and the history and creation of the district.
  - ii. Mr. Ursone notes that Ridgefield has a cultural district and Chair Colatrella notes Norwalk has also received significant amounts of funding for this.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **a. Convening – Marti and Lisa**

- i. Ms. Etter mentions that we can start sending out the form to people to fill them in. Hope to launch sometime by the end of the fall/year.

### **b. Programming – Lou and Mike**

- i. Chair Colatrella notes that a new show-mobile will probably not be around till Summer of 2024.
- ii. Mr. Ursone notes that Mill River could be an option and Chair Colatrella ask if the Palace could host, and Mr. Moran says yes.

### **c. Diversity – Val and Dennis**

- i. Ms. Cooper notes that she and Carmen Hughes have spoken, and that Carmen would like to take a look at the application, and how awards are tracked.
- ii. Ms. Cooper notes that the MMC has events, and the ACC should investigate collaborating with them.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Election of Officers**

- i. Chair Colatrella ask if there are any additional nominations from the floor, as currently the only nominations are Ms. Colatrella for Chair, Ms. Cooper as Vice Chair, and Ms. Etter as Secretary.
- ii. There are no additional nominations and Ms. Colatrella makes a motion to approve the slate as is.
- iii. Mr. Moran makes a motion to approve the slate, Mr. Ursone seconded, and the commission unanimously approves the slate.

## **8. Adjournment**

- a. Chair Colatrella asks for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ursone makes a motion, Mr. Collins seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 10:10 am