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**FOSTERING THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, & CULTURAL ARTS**

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

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Dennis Collins  
Lisa Cuscuna  
Michael Moran  
Lou Ursone  
John Varamo  
David Watkins (Board  
of Reps)  
Nina Sherwood (Board  
of Reps)

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## Regular Meeting Notice

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

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Lynne Colatrella called the meeting to order at 9:01 am
- b. **Present:** Colatrella, Cooper, Etter, Varamo, Ursone, Moran, Collins, Watkins
- c. **Absent:** NONE
- d. **Staff:** Kagan & Miller

#### 2. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. Chair Colatrella asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September Meeting. Mr. Moran made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

#### 3. Chair – Lynne

- a. Mural Update
  - i. *Public Convenings and Timeline*
    1. Lynne notes she would like to get started on planning convenings so come the new year, Commission can hit the ground running once NEA gives all clear. Ask Marti to work with Mike on planning first convening and Lou volunteers to call Alice Knapp to discuss possibly holding second convening at library.
    2. Lynne notes she will sit down with Val and write how it will be presented, and will send to Aaron to make a slideshow

#### 4. Staff Report – Aaron

- a. Aaron Miller provided an update on where the process stood with creation of Arts and Culture Directory, including # of organizations contacted

## **5. Committee Reports**

- a. Convening – Lisa & Marti
- b. Programming – Lou & Mike
- c. Diversity – Val & Dennis
  - i. Culture Conversation for Native American Heritage Month

## **6. New Business**

- a. John mentions Tom from River Bend Center reached out to Lynne to potentially donate a sculpture to Stamford.
  - i. Lynne notes she would like to see the sculpture dedicated to Susan Nabel and placed at Susan Nabel Park at Chestnut Hill
  - ii. Val notes that this is the time of year there is a flurry of donor activities to get tax write offs.
  - iii. Lou made a motion to accept the sculpture, and Mike seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **7. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am