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Michael Moran
Lou Ursone
John Varamo
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Meeting Notice

Date: Wednesday, March 20th, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Democratic Caucus Room & Zoom

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Agenda

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Colatrella called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

2. Roll Call

- a. **Present:** Lynne Colatrella, Marti Etter, Mike Moran, John Varamo, & Dennis Collins
- b. **Absent:** Lou Ursone
- c. **Staff & Guests:** Leah Kagan and Aaron Miller

3. Acceptance of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from January Meeting

- a. Chair Colatrella asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Mr. Moran made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Etter seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Chair – Lynne

5. Staff Report – Aaron

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a. Mural & Grant Updates

- i. Mr. Miller and Ms. Kagan provided an update on the Train Station Mural and noted there were a few outstanding issues on ownership of the mural between CTDOT and NEA that need to be resolved.
 - 1. Draft RFP will be shared once issues are resolved that way convening meetings can be planned.

b. Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County (JHSFC) 2023 SAC Grant extension

- i. Commission agrees to provide an extension of for the JHSFC if in April, JHSFC provides a timeline of how funds will be spent, in September proof that some funds have been spent, and the project will be done by the end of the year.

6. Committee Reports

a. Convening – Marti

- i. Ms. Etter notes that most of the convening and her topic had been covered, and the main topic she is waiting for is the mural so that she could start

b. Programming – Lou & Mike

- i. *None*

c. Diversity – Dennis

- i. Mr. Collins mentions he's working on the possibility of a replacement to Summer Stage in Scalzi called Summer Breeze.
 - 1. Don't know if it'll be ready for this summer but exploring the idea

7. Old Business

a. Update on Nakian Loan

- i. Mr. Varamo noted that he and the City have not heard from the Gordon Family or Paul Nakian about extending the loan.
 - 1. Notes were very urgent towards the end of last year.

b. Update on Johnson Donation

- i. Chair Colatrella is going before the Parks and Recreation Committee to present the donation and see if there is a preference for the park.

8. New Business

a. Elections

- i. Commission to vote on slate for the remainder of the year at next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - 1. Chair Colatrella presents the slate as Chair- Lynne Colatrella, Vice Chair – Mike Moran, and Secretary- Marti Etter

b. Appointments

- i. John Varamo announced that he has taken a new job in NYC and has moved to the City as well, as a result he will be resigning his seat.

9. Adjournment

- a. Chair Colatrella adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am, the vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.