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Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chair Colatrella called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Jennifer McIntosh

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

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Chair Colatrella asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the meeting held on January 15, June 4, and June 24. She then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Cuscuna and was seconded by Mr. Moran. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

a. Stamford Arts & Culture Grant (Formerly CAPP)

i. Letter to 2019-20 CAPP recipients

1. Mr. Varamo and Ms. Etter will draft an email to be sent out to the CAPP Grant Recipients from 2019-20, requesting more information on how their programming has been affected by COVID-19. Mr. Varamo will also attach the grant final report to the email, and request it to be completed by all organizations that completed their programming.

ii. Brainstorming for SAC Grant 2021

1. The commission made some decisions regarding changes that will be made to the 2021 Stamford Arts & Culture Grant including:
 - a. Adding a question about COVID-19 flexibility, asking how they would adapt their programming
 - b. Moving the application period to Sept-Oct, review the grants in Nov and award the money in Dec, with the new funding period from Jan 2021 – Dec 2021.
 - c. Extending the deadline for the 2019-20 CAPP Grant to December 31 for organizations that need more time to complete their programming.

b. James Daugherty Mural Update

- i. Mr. Varamo gave an update on the long absent James Daugherty mural, American Rhythm. The mural was successfully installed in the front hallway of Rogers International School on Friday June 12. He hopes to have an unveiling ceremony once social distancing guidelines and COVID-19 is no longer an issue.

c. Strategic Plan

- i. Kate will now start her leadership interviews and then circle back with us once she is finished.
- ii. The commissioners must reduce list of leadership interview names, and who wants to add someone to the leadership interview list must do so by Tuesday July 21. Everyone will give feedback to John Varamo.

5. New Business

a. BLM mural on Broad Street

- i. Valerie and Lynne worked together to bring a BLM mural to Broad Street on July 19. Anyone who wants to participate can sign up to paint online, or come and watch the painters on Sunday.

b. Open Commissioner Seat- Dennis Collins

- i. Dennis is now a confirmed member of the commission and John Varamo will send him a welcome packet with previous minutes, the calendar, and the strategic plan outline.

6. Next Meeting

- a. Discussion – Next Meeting Agenda
- b. Confirmation
 - i. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 2020

7. Adjournment

Chair Colatrella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 AM. Mr. Ursone made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Moran. The motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Marti Etter
Secretary
Stamford Arts and Culture Commission