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Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut Wednesday, December 16, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chair Colatrella called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Lynne Colatrella, Marti Etter, Lisa Cuscuna, Valerie Cooper, Angie Durrell, Jennifer

McIntosh, Michael Moran, Lou Ursone Commissioners Absent: Dennis Collins

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

3. Strategic Planning Session

- a. The commissioners and strategic planner, Kate Ingram, talked through various questions and scenarios to identify and confirm the strategic direction of the commission.
- b. Some themes identified include:
 - i. expanding the 1% for Art program to the entire city
 - ii. tapping into some of Stamford's famous residents
 - iii. expanding the commission's email list by identifying new organizations and artists
 - iv. convene with various community members
 - v. Actively work to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice
- c. Next steps include researching best practices, determining the program logic model, and creating a first draft of the strategic plan.

4. Adjournment

Chair Colatrella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM. Mr. Moran made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Etter. The motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Etter

Secretary

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