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STAMFORD ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

FOSTERING THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, & CULTURAL ARTS

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Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut Monday, December 21, 2020

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Denis Collins, Jenny McIntosh

Staff Present: John Varamo: Program Manager of Stamford Arts & Culture, Thomas Madden: Director of Econ Dev.

3. Stamford Arts & Culture Grant Application Approvals

- a. The SAC Grant committee reviewed 18 applications from various arts and cultural non-profits. This year's SAC Grant fund totaled \$100,000, while funding requests totaled \$159,550, thus the committee had to make various cuts to all organizations. After the initial allocations, the commission decided to event split the remaining funds equally to all eligible applicants,
- b. Due to conflicts of interest, the following members and staff recused themselves from discussions
 1. Lisa Cuscuna recused herself from Loft Artist Association
 2. Mike Moran recused himself from Connecticut Ballet, Ballet School of Stamford, and Future 5
 3. Marti Etter recused herself from Ballet School of Stamford
 4. Valerie Cooper recused herself from The Cultured Pearl Foundation
 5. Angie Durrell recused herself from En Vivo con Maricarmen
 6. Lynne Colatrella recused herself from Stamford Pride
 7. John Varamo recused himself from Stamford Pride
- c. The applicants and award allocations are as follows, in alphabetical order:
 1. Avon theatre Film Center - \$5,821
 2. Ballet School of Stamford - \$10,821
 3. Connecticut Ballet, Inc. - \$5,821
 4. The Cultured Pearl Foundation - \$10,821
 5. Ecuadorian Civic Committee of Fairfield County - \$4,321
 6. En Vivo con Maricarmen - \$4,321
 7. Highland Green Foundation - \$3,321
 8. Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County - \$3,821
 9. La Tertulia de Stamford - \$10,821
 10. Loft Artist Association - \$9,821
 11. Stamford Art Association - \$5,821

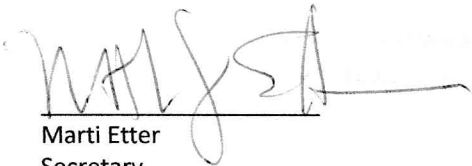
d. The following applicants were disqualified due to ineligible programming or incomplete applications:

1. Future 5
2. HPK Irish Arts Foundation
3. Kids Helping Kids
4. Music in Czescik Park

3. Adjournment

Chairman Colatrella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM. Ms. Cooper made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Etter. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marti Etter', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Marti Etter
Secretary
Stamford Arts and Culture Commission