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STAMFORD ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

FOSTERING THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, & CULTURAL ARTS

Lou Ursone
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Marti Etter
Secretary

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Valerie Cooper
Lynne Colatrella
Lisa Cuscuna
Angie Durrell
Michael Moran
Bonnie Wattles

Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut Wednesday, May 15, 2019

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ursone called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Marti Etter and Bonnie Wattles

Staff: Thomas Madden and Theresa

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Ursone asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the meeting held on March 20th. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Colatrella and was seconded by Mr. Moran. The motion passed unanimously. He then asked for approval of the minutes from the special meeting held April 15th. The motion was passed with 6 votes and one abstention from Ms. Colatrella.

4. Old Business

a. Core Values

- i. Ms. Durrell informed the commission the Harvard partnership was moving forward. Harvard has agreed to work with us on Core Value 4 and will be sending dates for a meeting with us.

b. CAPP Grant Review

- i. \$100,000 has been appropriated from the City for the CAPP Grant. Thomas said he will push for \$150,000 next year. There is still \$50,000 in the Youth Music Grant budget administered by Ellen Bromley.
- ii. Mr. Madden told the commission that the strategic arts plan from the Governor will not happen this year and that there has been no movement from the arts strategic partnership from the state.
- iii. The Mayor cut the city budget requests for the Commission due to the mold issue.
- iv. Thanks to Ms. Durrell for achieving a Spanish version of the application and for bring many new Spanish artists to the database.
- v. The CAPP Committee reported there were no major changes to the application except that the organization and programming must reside in Stamford. An individual artist must apply with a 501(c)3 partner. A maximum word count was placed on narratives.

- vi. Lumina String Quartet will not be eligible for CAPP due to not being physically located within the City of Stamford. Chairman Ursone will call them personally.
- vii. Clarification changes will come from Chairman Ursone to the Commission.
- viii. The commission discussed the possibility of creating a video explaining the grant process both in Spanish and English as well as an informational session in the lobby.

5. New Business

- a. Arts Calendar
 - i. Ms. Cuscuna requested an arts calendar for the city and gathering groups to discuss planned events.
 - ii. Mr. Madden suggested a hot sheet to hotels
 - iii. Ms. Durrell added 10 new artists to the database
- b. Stamford Advocate
 - i. Chairman Ursone reached out to Vincent Yade from the Stamford Advocate for a monthly arts update. The Advocate declined his request.
- c. Strategic Planning
 - i. Mr. Madden and Ms. Colatrella will reach out to Juanita James, Chris Bruhl, and Sandy Goldstein for assistance in creating a strategic plan.

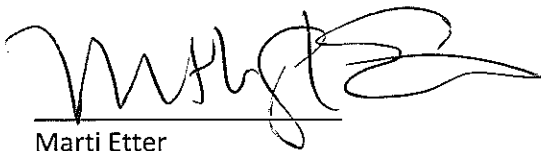
6. Next Meeting

- a. Confirmation
 - i. Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 17 8:30am

7. Adjournment

Chairman Ursone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35AM. Ms. Durrell made a motion, which was second by Ms. Cuscuna. The motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Marti Etter
Secretary
Stamford Arts and Culture Commission