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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 Thursday, August 29, 2019

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ursone called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Lou Ursone, Jenny McIntosh, Marti Etter, Lynne Colatrella, Mike Moran

Commissioners Absent: Valerie Cooper, Angie Durrell

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

3. CAPP Grant Application Approvals

- a. The CAPP Grant committee reviewed 14 applications from various arts and cultural non-profits. This year's CAPP Grant fund totaled \$100,000, while funding requests totaled \$157,465, thus the committee had to make various cuts to all the organizations.
- b. Due to conflicts of interest, Ms. McIntosh and Mr. Moran recused themselves from discussion while Ms. Etter left the room during discussions of the Ballet School of Stamford.
- c. The applicants were, in alphabetical order:
 1. Avon Theatre Film Center
 2. Ballet School of Stamford
 3. Franklin Street Works
 4. Haitian American Professionals Assoc.
 5. Highland Green Foundation
 6. Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County
 7. Latino Foundation of Stamford & Marinera CT
 8. Loft Artists Association
 9. Lumina String Quartet
 10. Shippan Point Association & Music in Czeszik Park
 11. Stamford Art Association
 12. Stamford Chorale
 13. Stamford Jewish Community Center
 14. Treetops Chamber Music Society
- d. After a discussion with the Mayor, it was determined that both the Avon Theatre and Haitian American Professionals Assoc. were eligible for CAPP funding.

4. Adjournment

Chairman Ursone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM. Ms. Colatrella made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Etter. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ursone
Chair
Stamford Arts and Culture Commission