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FOSTERING THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, & CULTURAL ARTS

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Lynne Colatrella  
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Angie Durrell  
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**Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes  
Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut  
Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

**1. Call to Order**

Secretary Etter called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM

**2. Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Absent: Lou Ursone, Jenny McIntosh

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

Guests: John Cusano

**3. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Etter asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the meeting held on September 18, 2019. She 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.

**4. 2020 Meeting Schedule**

Secretary Etter asked for a motion to approve the 2020 meeting schedule. A motion was made by Ms. Colatrella and was seconded by Ms. Cuscuna. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. 2020 Officer Elections**

Mr. Varamo reminded the commissioners that elections will be held during the next meeting in January for officer positions in 2020. He asked that anyone who is interested in a position should email him.

**6. Strategic Plan**

Mr. Cusano lead a high level discussion about how the commission should go about researching and putting together a scope of work for a strategic plan using the grant money awarded by the CT Office of the Arts. A rough timeline was drafted to help keep the commission in check to make sure they hit specific milestones during the strategic planning process.

## **7. Next Meeting**

- a. Discussion – Next Meeting Agenda
  - i. Supporting Arts Grant
  - ii. Outside Art Contracts
  - iii. End of Year Progress Email
  - iv. CAPP Grant Revisions – Special Meeting
- b. Confirmation
  - i. Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2020

## **8. Adjournment**

Secretary Etter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 AM. Ms. Cuscuna 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