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Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Stamford Government Center-Stamford-Connecticut
Wednesday-February 21, 2018

1. **Call to Order**
Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:05am.
2. **Roll Call**
Commissioners Present: Lou Ursone, Valerie Cooper, Lisa Cuscuna, Marti Etter, Lynne Colatrella, Jennifer McIntosh, Michael Moran and Bonnie Wattles
Late: Angie Durrell arrived at 8:10am
Staff: John Varamo, Arts & Culture Commission Staff Liaison and Theresa Bowen, Office Coordinator
3. **Reading and Acceptance of Minutes:**
Chairman Ursone asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 18, 2018. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion by Commissioner Moran and second by Commissioner Cuscuna and motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Correspondence-**
No correspondence for this month.
5. **Committee(s) Reports**
 - a. **Arts Inventory** – Commissioners: Bonnie Wattles and Valerie Cooper –
Commissioner Cooper stated that a Meeting will be held next week with John Varamo to review files and discuss next steps.
 - b. **Grants** – Commissioners: Angie Durrell and Jennifer McIntosh
Commissioner McIntosh reviewed the draft of the five (5) Bullet Points and the commissioners discussed the 5th bullet and discussed a need for a process for obtaining grants. After much discussion the commissioners agreed to leave the language vague in bullet 5. Commissioner Durrell has submitted the bullets to the Harvard Community Partners for their review and comment.

Commissioner Durrell arrived at 8:10am.

c. **Organizations** – Commissioners Lisa Cuscuna and Marti Etter

Commissioner Etter stated the survey is back up and running. There were only a few names to add to the list. The survey will be sent out this week. Next step will be to divide the list up among the commissioners so that they can follow up with the individuals that have not responded to the survey request.

6. **Old Business**

a. Arts Survey Update

Commissioners discussed put together an Arts & Culture Update to provide information and updates along with hosting a public forum. They also discussed putting together an online directory and mapping opportunities for Arts & Culture.

b. Mission Vision Statement

This item was covered earlier under the Committee(s) Report under Grants.

7. **New Business**

- John Varamo discussed website opportunities and ideas for social media.
- Chairman Ursone discussed receipt of letter received by the Mayor's office from Bloomberg Philanthropies that provides an opportunity for a Public Art Challenge Grant.

8. **Next Meeting**

a. Discussion – Next Meeting Agenda-

b. Confirmation – Next Regular Meeting **(Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 8:00 am)**

9. **Adjournment** –

Chairman Ursone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM with motion from Commissioner Colatrella and second from Commissioner Wattles. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Marti Etter

Secretary

Arts and Culture Commission