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CITY OF STAMFORD

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes **Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut** **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ursone called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Bonnie Wattles

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

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Ursone asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 5, 2018. There was a discussion and amendments were made. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as amended. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper and second by Commissioner McIntosh. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ursone asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the CAPP committee meeting held on September 5, 2018. There was a discussion and amendments were made. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as amended. A motion was made by Commissioner Etter and second by Commissioner Colatrella. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Arts Inventory – B. Wattles & Valerie Cooper
 - i. Mr. Varamo has been working to inventory both artworks owned by the city as well sculpture that is available for the public to view.
- b. Grants – Angie Durrell & Jennifer McIntosh
 - i. Commissioner Durrell will distribute information on the “Americans for the Arts”, “National Arts Strategies”, and “Arizona Arts Council” grants which help fund municipal arts organizations.
- c. Organizations – Lisa Cuscuna & Marti Etter
 - i. There were no updates to report.

5. Old Business

- a. The Commissioners will meet to continue to refine the goal and mission statement of the Stamford Arts and Culture Commission. A strategic plan is desired, and grant funding may be available to complete one.

6. New Business

- a. The Commissioners discussed the need for a budget from the city to help facilitate, organize, and market arts and cultural activities in Stamford. The board will meet for a special meeting on Monday, September 24, 2018 to go over budget line items.
- b. Commissioner Durrell expressed the need for the commission to aid organizations and artists who want to apply for the CAPP Grant, but are unable to due to possible lack of grant writing skills, or a language barrier.
- c. Mr. Varamo proposed a possible partnership with the DSSD to showcase the works of James Daugherty during ARTWALK 2019, given the final and largest piece of the Stamford High School murals by Daugherty will be fully restored early next year.
- d. The Commissioners discussed four possible logo designs for Stamford Arts and Culture, but expressed interest in seeing more designs. Commissioner Colatrella suggested using the design website 99designs to help find a logo and branding consistent with the commission's goals.

7. Next Meeting

- a. Discussion – Next Meeting Agenda
- b. Confirmation
 - i. Next Meeting – Monday, September 24, 2018.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Ursone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 with motion from Commissioner Cuscuna and a second from Commissioner Cooper. The motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Marti Etter
Secretary
Stamford Arts and Culture Commission