



**City of Stamford**  
**Arts and Culture Commission Minutes**  
**Stamford Government Center – Stamford - Connecticut**  
**Wednesday – September 27, 2017**

The meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Stamford held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, on the 4th floor, Democratic Conference Room, Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut at 8:14 A.M.

1. **Call to Order - Chairman Ursone** called the meeting to order at 8:08 am
2. **Roll Call**  
Present: Lynne Colatrella, Valerie Cooper, Lisa Cuscuna, Angelica Durrell, Marti Etter, Lou Ursone, Bonnie Wattles, Michael Moran,  
  
Absent: Jennifer McIntosh, Representative Steven Kolenberg, (R-16)  
  
Ex-officio: Representative Randall Skigen, President  
Thomas Madden, AICP, Director of Economic Development
3. **Reading and Acceptance of Minutes:**  
On a motion made by Ms. Etter and seconded by Mr. Cuscuna, the Arts and Culture Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes as presented.
4. **Correspondence**  
None
5. **Discussion**  
None
6. **Committee Reports**
  - Arts Inventory – Bonnie Wattles and Valerie Cooper  
Meeting with John to map out and take pictures  
Will inventory schools and
  - Grants – Angie Durrell and Jennifer McIntosh
    - Grants from NEA
    - Need to be in existence for three years
    - No organizations currently receive
    - Look to see if there is an organization to get around the three years
    - Lisa – access to funds are there anything we can see soon or are we going to have to wait there years.
    - Angie – Steve K would help seek funding at the State

- Lou we are probably looking at a year out
- Bonnie- grants that look at capacity building, what is our mission? Are we going to be a grant giving organization
- Have discussion with mayor on purpose –
- Thomas gave description on the Stamford lights program
- Minutes from Stamford lights meetings for the committee
- Angie will follow up with this
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- Organizations – Lisa Cuscuna and Marti Etter
  - Lisa – went over the questionnaire that will be sent to list of organizations,
  - Lou – add in section if they have received a grant from local , state or feds
  - Angie – include if they are incorporated or 501 C3, - Entity type
  - Send this out this out from Survey Monkey
  - Angie – does the city have relationship with City for the Arts, if not Angie will reach out
- Fernando presentation  
Lisa, Mike, Lynn, Bonnie  
Proposal was incomplete – was hoping for November but more looking at April start – unsure on the number of pieces  
Looking for money from Commission \$28-45K  
Look to support him in his efforts  
Look at public private funding  
Go out and seek sponsorship from local property to install the pieces  
Clementinearts.com  
Commission still in its  
What is the roles – give blessing, give approval, or give funding. – Capacity building  
  
Lou - Look at standard response for proposal –  
No funding but happy to networking and support – join Burbio  
  
Look at creating a flow chart of putting in a project or event here in the city - look at process already in place – no need to reinvent the wheel

**7. Old Business**

Municipal Tax on the tickets

**8. New Business**

1) FOI

Amy Levo presentation on FOI

Gave her background

Legislative history of FOI with the State

Gave the state processes.

Covers two concepts – meeting and records

Email use

Subcommittee -

Next Agenda

**Role of the Commission**

Development of policies

**Municipal surcharge discussion**

On motion from Lynn and seconded by Valerie,

**9. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Stamford will be Wednesday, October 18, 2017 and will begin at 8:00 A.M. in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Democratic Conference Room, Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

**10. Adjournment**

On motion from Valerie Cooper and seconded by Lisa Cuscuna the September 27, 2017 meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Stamford adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Marti Etter

Secretary

Arts and Culture Commission

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