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**STAMFORD
ARTS & CULTURE
COMMISSION**
FOSTERING THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, & CULTURAL ARTS

Lynne Colatrella
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Lisa Cuscuna
Angie Durrell
Jennifer McIntosh
Michael Moran
Lou Ursone

Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

1. Call to Order

Chair Colatrella called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Dennis Collins

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

Guests: Kate Scorza Ingram, Fiona Feltman

3. Officer Elections

A slate was presented to have Lynne Colatrella serve as Chair, Valerie Cooper serve as Vice Chair, and Marti Etter serve as secretary. Chair Colatrella called for a motion to accept the slate as presented which was moved by Mr. Moran and seconded by Ms. Durrell. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Chair Colatrella asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the meetings held on December 16, 2020 and December 21, 2020. She then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Ursone and was seconded by Ms. Etter. The motion passed unanimously.

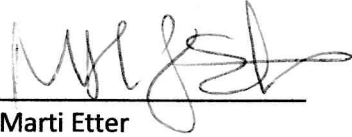
5. Arts Strategic Plan – Kate Scorza Ingram

- a. Kate presented her initial draft of ideas for the strategic plan and answered questions from the commissioners.
- b. The commission decided they will meet in groups of two to discuss various topics for the plan including diversity, programming, and funding. This is to be completed by the first week of March.
- c. The commissioners were also instructed to review the core values via email.
- d. The commissioners will hold a meeting without Kate on Wednesday March 11 at 8:30 AM to present their findings to each other and organize their ideas.
- e. The commission will meet with Kate again on Wednesday March 17. The Stamford Art Association will also make a presentation on that date.
- f. John will help the commissioners identify a date in April to host both the SAC Grant awards ceremony with Mayor Martin which will be followed by a public comment session for the arts strategic plan.

6. Adjournment

Chair Colatrella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 AM. MR. Ursone made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Cooper. The motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Marti Etter', is written over a horizontal line.

Marti Etter

Secretary

Stamford Arts and Culture Commission