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Lou Ursone

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Colatrella called the meeting to order at 8:35 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

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Chair Colatrella asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the meeting held on February 17, 2021. She then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Etter and was seconded by Mr. Ursone. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Colatrella asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the meeting held on March 10, 2021. She then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Etter and was seconded by Ms. Cuscuna. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Arts Strategic Plan – Kate Scorza Ingram

a. Core Values

- i. Kate led the discussion with the commissioners to review and confirm the group's core values.
- ii. Various adjustments were made to focus more on arts and culture and to set more attainable goals. The finalized core values are:
 1. Position the City of Stamford as a vibrant regional arts and cultural center.
 2. Foster the development of arts and cultural activities for the City of Stamford that spark economic development and an increased sense of community and collaboration.
 3. Collaborate on a purposeful approach for the inclusion of Stamford's diverse population.
 4. Advocate for increased access to funding and resources for arts and culture in Stamford.

b. Program Logic Model Review

i. The commissioners discussed their plans for their respective committees' program logic models.

1. Funding – Lynne & Angie
2. Programming – Lou & Mike
3. Convenings – Lisa & Marti
4. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice – Val & Jenny

c. Final Strategic Plan

i. Kate will be sending the final version of the strategic plan by the last week of April.

5. Adjournment

Chair Colatrella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 AM. Ms. Cuscuna 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Marti Etter', written over a horizontal line.

Marti Etter
Secretary

Stamford Arts and Culture Commission