

West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM

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A copy of all written materials to be presented at the meeting are available on the Town Clerk's website at www.westhartfordct.gov.

I. Meeting Opening

- A. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.
- B. **Roll Call** - *Present:* Matthew Bragg, Javier Colon, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Nancy Hoffman, Mirela Panaitisor, Susan Rothenberg and Carol McCabe who (due to connectivity issues) joined the meeting at 6:41pm. *Absent:* Karen Bachman.
- C. **Approval of the minutes from December 7, 2020 meeting-** Matthew Bragg, Javier Colon, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Nancy Hoffman, Mirela Panaitisor, Susan Rothenberg voted YES. No opposed.
- D. **Set meeting schedule for remainder of 2021-** the following dates were proposed: FEBRUARY 15, MARCH 15, APRIL 19, MAY 17, JUNE 21, JULY 19, AUGUST 16, SEPTEMBER 20, OCTOBER 18, NOVEMBER 15, DECEMBER 20, JANUARY 17 of 2022. (Please, read amendment below)

Matthew Bragg, Javier Colon, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Nancy Hoffman, Mirela Panaitisor, Susan Rothenberg voted YES. No opposed.

II. Old Business

- A. **Artist Database** -Chuck updated everyone in regard to the town's ability to post a link to the database without an issue but not being able to host the web address or providing a landing page for it.
- B. **Web Site/Social Media-** Chuck also informed everyone that the West Hartford Arts and Culture Collaborative could host the database and calendar on their website.

- C. **Public Murals** -Chuck shared with all members of the commission details about the joint public art campaign that's currently being developed by West Hartford Town in partnership with Bloomfield and Simsbury. This call is for unique and original designs to be painted on these 3 towns' public electric vehicle parking spots and applicants who have been impacted by Covid are especially encouraged to submit their art proposals. Mirela & Sue will be part of the discussions to report back to the commission.
- D. **Public Parks Availability**- the town has agreed with performances in public parks and is looking into identifying the best parks to accommodate events; as they become available, more details will be provided at our next meetings.

III. **Committee Updates**

- Partnerships – Mirela & Sue - Mirela presented an initiative to encourage, engage and benefit the next generation of artists of WH by developing and organizing “Celebration of the Arts” events in partnership with our public and private schools as well as our supportive and generous community. Students would showcase their talents, get guidance, support and feedback from local artists and organizations, take advantage of educational trips to art museums and performing arts centers.
- Communications – Carol & Chuck -no reports
- Artist Outreach – Javier & Latanya- will be working on promoting the artist database and get some media exposure
- Town Outreach – Chuck -shared few details about what's being developed on the Electric Vehicle parking public art initiative
- Finance – Matt -no reports
- Events – Nancy, Karen- no reports

IV. **Reports** -no reports

V. **Public Comment**-no public comments

VI. **Adjournment**-meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

The Chairman will provide the procedure for participating in the virtual meeting at the start of the meeting.

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Amendment to January 2021 Minutes

Due to a schedule conflict on the Town of West Hartford's calendar, the Commis-

sion on the Arts had to reschedule its February 15th meeting for **Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30pm**. All members of the commission were contacted by the president on January 15th via email and informed about the new proposed date for the meeting.

Karen Bachman, Javier Colon, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Nancy Hoffman, Mirela Panaitisor, Carol McCabe voted YES via email and the schedule change was approved by 7-0 .No opposed.