

**West Hartford Commission on the Arts**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

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March 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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**I. Meeting Opening**

- A. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm
- B. Roll Call - Present: Karen Bachman, Javier Colon, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Nancy Hoffman, Carol McCabe, Mirela Panaitisor, Susan Rothenberg. Absent: Matthew Bragg.
- C. Approval of the minutes from February 24, 2021 meeting - Carol made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Latanya. All members voted Yes. No opposed.

**II. Old Business/Committee Updates**

A. Partnerships – Mirela & Sue

**EV Art Partnership**- Mirela updated the commission on the EV project's progress. At this moment, the EV Committee agreed that managing the whole project would be easier if done by one entity. Stephanie Bahramian who serves as the Environmental Planner for the Town of Bloomfield - agreed to assume this responsibility and is seeking approval from the town council to manage the EV art project. Until Bloomfield's town council signs off on this, the project will be on hold.

**WH Symphony Orchestra – Spring Outdoor Pop Concert** - Mirela shared with the commission that Mr. Chiarappa reached out to Kingswood Oxford School's administration to inquire about the possibility of hosting WHSO's outdoor concert on their premises. Mr. Chiarappa and Javier Colon-who will also join the orchestra for this performance- agreed to tentatively set the concert date for either June 6 or June 13.

B. Communications – Carol & Chuck

**New Web Site** – “WHy West Hartford”- a joint effort of the Town of West Hartford and West Hartford Chamber of Commerce to create a virtual space to best represent and market everything pertaining to local events, businesses, restaurants, artistic endeavors, real estate and beyond. This website could potentially host the calendar of events as well as the West Hartford Arts & Culture Collaborative's website.

C. Artist Outreach – Javier & Latanya

**Promote Consumers to utilize WH Artist Job Bank**- the conversation started about ways we could further promote the Job Bank. Karen suggested advertising on Facebook, West Hartford Life, Carol suggested connecting with parents organizations in town, Chuck and Javier suggested finding a way to profile a couple of people and showcase their talent in the media, local TV shows. Chuck asked the members of the commission to send ideas/suggestions about the topic and collaboratively work on a document to best reflect an action plan.

D. Town Outreach – **Public Murals** -Chuck updated the commission on the conversation had with Kristen Gorski-who serves as the Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of West Hartford- regarding the painting of the Jersey barriers that are going to be installed on LaSalle Rd for outdoor dining.

**MLK Mural Project**-will be unveiled on **Juneteenth** -June 19th.

E. Finance – Matt -no updates

F. Events – Nancy, Karen-

Karen gave an update about some of the topics discussed by the West Hartford Art and Culture Collaborative at their last meeting. She also suggested that the Collaborative should be put on the West Hartford Commission on the Arts' agenda as a constant way to keep everyone informed.

**Former Mayor's Charity Ball**- Nothing to report yet.

### III. New Business –

A. **West Hartford Arts & Culture Collaborative** -Karen gave an update earlier.

B. **Calendar of Events**-West Hartford Arts & Culture Collaborative is interested in having a calendar of events, one to contain **all** the scheduled events in town.

C. **Web Site**- The West Hartford Arts & Culture Collaborative' website needs to be maintained and updated and this task needs to be managed in a way that wouldn't put a burden on a single volunteer or organization.

D. **Support for the Art League**- Chuck asked Carol, Mirela and Nancy to reach out to Roxanne Stachelek at the Art League and understand what the needs are and how the commission could help.

### IV. Reports -no reports

### V. Public Comment- no public comments

VI. **Adjournment**- Susan Rothenberg made a motion to adjourn, Latanya Farrell seconded the motion. All members voted YES. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

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

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