

West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM

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I. Meeting Opening

- A. **Call to Order** - the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm
- B. **Roll Call** - all members were present: Karen Bachman, Matthew Bragg, Javier Colon, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Nancy Hoffman, Carol McCabe, Mirela Panaitisor, Susan Rothenberg.
- C. **Approval of the minutes from April 19, 2021 meeting** - Latanya made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Matt. All in favor-no opposed.

II. Old Business/Committee Updates

A. Partnerships – Mirela & Sue

EV Art Partnership- Mirela updated the Commission regarding the Town of Bloomfield's decision to withdraw from this art project at this time, as the town is developing and looking into implementing its own art policy. The EV Committee approached Daphne Dixon-Executive director of "Live green CT" who is interested in becoming the legal entity to sponsor the project. More updates to follow.

WH Symphony Orchestra – Summer Outdoor WHSO Concert - Chuck updated the Commission on Gov. Lamont's announcement regarding the lifting of restrictions for outdoor gatherings-effective May 19. Mirela, Chuck and Javier agreed on setting up a meeting as soon as possible to begin planning the event.

Storefront Art Exhibits/Art Trail - Carol, Nancy and Mirela met with Roxanne Stahalek, Executive Director of the West Hartford Art league, to learn more about the empty storefront art exhibits and how the West Hartford Commission on the Arts may assist in expanding and promoting these exhibits. Carol informed everyone that Roxanne asked that we will put this discussion on hold until The Art League completes the Jersey Barrier Art project.

B. Communications – Carol & Chuck

Web Site & Calendar of Events – Why West Hartford - Chuck updated everyone about the expected launch of the website in mid May

- C. Artist Outreach – Javier & Latanya
WH Artist Job Bank Promotion Plan- Javier and Latanya updated the Commission on the approach taken to help promote the Job Bank. Javier mentioned selecting a few artists from the database and beginning to work on a press campaign.
- D. Town Outreach – Chuck
Public Murals & MLK Mural Project -The dedication of the mural is scheduled to take place on June 19, 2021
Outdoor Dining/Jersey Barrier Art - Chuck updated everyone on the Art League’s fundraising campaign that already started. The funds raised will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Sustainable CT Matching Fund.
- E. **Finance** – Matt -Chuck suggested brainstorming about a policy that The Commission on the Arts could adopt when supporting arts and culture projects and organizations in town. Matt offered to put together a preliminary policy.
- F. Events – Nancy, Karen
Former Mayor’s Charity Ball-no updates at this time
- G. **West Hartford Arts & Culture Collaborative Update** – Karen & Chuck- Karen shared that the Collaborative is in the process of drafting their mission and operation guide. The organization continues to seek the best option on sharing leadership.

III. New Business – to be discussed at May 17, 2021 Meeting

IV. Reports - None

V. Public Comment - None

VI. Adjournment- Nancy made a motion to adjourn seconded by Susan. All in favor, no opposed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

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