

**West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting - Virtual
Minutes - January 31 at 6:30 PM**

I. Meeting Opening

- Call to Order-Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm
- Roll Call-present: Karen Bachman, Matthew Bragg, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Ginny Kemp, Carol McCabe, Mirela Panaitisor, Susan Rothenberg.
Javier Colon- excused absence
- Approval of the minutes from the December 20, 2021 meeting-Karen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Carol. The motion passes unanimously.

II. Old Business

- Future Development of St. Brigid School-Chuck shared that the Town Council is looking to appoint one representative from WHAC to the project advisory committee
- Possible Annual Music Event – Javier- no updates
- West Hartford Town Hall Displays-an in-person meeting at the Town Hall will be scheduled so that WHAC members could see first-hand current displays and signage
- Application Process for Murals on Private Property- Chuck provided a brief update regarding the effort to streamline the process
- Decorative Cylindrical Advertising Columns for WHC/BBS and Elmwood Center -Chuck will meet with Todd Dumais (Town Planner) and Duane Martin (Community Development Director) to collaborate on the design, funding, and development of this project.
- Possible Arts & Culture set aside funding for Capital Projects & New Development Applications &
- Input/Ideas/Suggestions for American Rescue Plan funds-Chuck will invite Todd and Duane to attend a future WHAC to discuss both topics with all WHAC members

III. Committee Updates

- Partnerships – WHSO – Mirela & Sue-no updates
- Communications – Carol & Chuck - no updates
- Artist Outreach – Javier & Latanya- no updates
- Town Outreach – Chuck shared updates about all items in Old Business
- Finance – Matt -no update
- Events – Karen -no update
- West Hartford Arts & Culture Collaborative Update – Karen shared an idea regarding a joint marketing presence (brochures or postcards) representing all the WH Arts & Culture Collaborative organizations during the “Celebrate!West Hartford “ festival, materials that could be distributed at the info booths

IV. New Business – Juneteenth and Pride events - Carol inquired if there are any updates regarding planned events for 2022

V. Public Comment- no public comments

VI. Adjournment- 7:20pm

