

MINUTES

West Hartford Commission on the Arts Regular Meeting - Virtual April 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM

I. Meeting Opening

- Call to Order-6:32pm
- Roll Call- present: Karen Bachman, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Ginny Kemp, Carol McCabe, Mirela Panaitisor, Susan Rothenberg.
-absent: Matthew Bragg, Javier Colon
- Approval of the minutes from March 21, 2022 meeting- Latanya makes a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Karen. The motion passes unanimously

II. Old Business

- Future Development of St. Brigid School-no date was set yet for a first meeting
- Follow-up Issues with Town of West Hartford
 - ✓ Murals on Private Property
 - ✓ Decorative Cylindrical Advertising
 - ✓ Set Asides from New Development Applications for Arts & Culture- Chuck shared that all 3 items are still being discussed at the Town Planner and Town Council level and there are no significant updates at this time
 - ✓ Town Hall Art & Signage Display Recommendations – Review Draft Recommendations- all the observations and suggestions were reviewed by all the members:
 - Karen asked if the town can make any accommodations or possibly hire someone to manage the process of rotating displays and maintaining the artwork.
 - Chuck mentioned forming a committee to decide on a policy regarding what goes up on display or what needs to come down, for how long items will stay, and where (which floor) will they be shown. WHAC members were encouraged to share ideas regarding policy items or possible members of this committee.
 - WHAC members agreed that a curator hired by the town would be the best option to ensure a professional and more cohesive look that will highlight the very important historic plaques/pieces or other elements that aren't that visible now
 - Ginny went over the draft document regarding the use of space for art and signage as everyone's observations and ideas were put together on paper, ready to be sent before the Town Council.

III. Committee Updates

- Partnerships – Mirela & Sue- no updates
- Communications – Carol & Chuck -no updates
- Artist Outreach – Javier & Latanya-
Latanya shared a new idea about creating a survey asking existing artists on the Artist Job Bank how can WHAC help build a forum (or events) to support and promote their artistry
- Town Outreach – Chuck-no updates
- Finance – Matt -no updates

- Events – Karen -no updates
- West Hartford Arts & Culture Collaborative – Karen -no updates

IV. New Business – Commission members may introduce items for exploration and discussion at the next Commission Meeting.

V. Public Comment- no public comments

VI. Adjournment- Mirela made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.