

**West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

I. Meeting Opening

- Call to Order-the meeting was called to order at 6:36pm
- Roll Call -Karen Bachman, Matthew Bragg, Javier Colon, Chuck Coursey, Virginia Kemp, Carol McCabe, Mirela Panaitisor, Susan Rothenberg.
-absent: Latanya Farrell
- Approval of November Meeting Minutes- minutes approved unanimously

II. Guests & Introduction - Roszena Haskins, Executive Director, Town of West Hartford Office of Equity Advancement and Adrienne Billings-Smith, Equity Coordinator, Town of West Hartford Office of Equity Advancement

-Roszena and Adrienne introduced themselves talking about their office's vision and mission as well as ongoing projects. Both guests expressed their wish for future collaboration with the WHAC

III. Old Business

- Recommendations for West Hartford Town Hall Public Display of Arts & Culture-Chuch and Virginia met with Essie Labrot and dropped off the "Town Hall Art Displays Recommendations" document which was well received
- Redevelopment of St. Brigid School/Community Center- Mirela inquired about the new theatre capacity at St. Brigid's and shared with WHAC that WHSO is finding it difficult to figure out venues to perform replacing the 2 concerts which used to take place at the Town Hall. Karen shared similar thoughts about obstacles that WH Women's Chorale's rehearsal and performance venues.
- West Hartford Center Infrastructure Master Plan and West Hartford Wayfinding Signage Plan- Chuck presented the two plans and invited everyone to check the town's website and give input
- Decorative Cylindrical Advertising (Webster Columns) & Town Promotional Signage/Unity Green Banners-no updates
- Engagement & assistance for local artists and arts & culture organizations-
-Javier, Chuck and Latanya will connect and perhaps engage Rozena and

Adrienne into this project

- Elmwood Amtrak Bridge Mural-received funds
- Playhouse on Park Ownership and Expansion Plan-still in the process of buying their space

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

- Select a new Secretary - to be decided at the next meeting

V. Public Comment-no public comments

VI. Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

