

MINUTES
West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

I. Meeting Opening

- Call to Order- 6:32 PM
- Roll Call-present: Karen Bachman, Matthew Bragg, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Mirela Panaitisor, Sue Rothenberg, Carol McCabe (joined the meeting at 6:58pm)
 - absent excused: Javier Colon, Ginny Kemp.
- Approval of January Meeting Minutes- Sue makes a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Karen. Latanya abstained due to not being present at the last meeting. The minutes were approved 5-1.

II. New Business

- Draft Mission: *Help identify places, spaces and opportunities for artists to share and showcase their art.*
 - Matt -suggested keeping the mission statement as broad as possible
 - Latanya and Javier will do some media about the artist outreach
 - Mirela suggested inviting Andrew Mayo to a future meeting to get a better understanding of how WHAC can support the young artist community within the school system
 - Chuck invited everyone to contribute with ideas on how to best word out and describe WHAC's mission statement
- Why West Hartford Arts & Culture Calendar- Chuck had a conversation with the WH Chamber executive director about WHY West Hartford and how we can get the Arts and Culture calendar started, maintained, updated and what should the posting policy be.
- Select a new Secretary- Mirela served for 2 years and at this moment we need to elect a new secretary

III. Old Business

- Space Needs- WHAC is seeking long-term space accommodations in support of both the West Hartford Symphony Orchestra as well as West Hartford Woman's Choral.
 - Chuck will meet tomorrow 2/14/23 with the University of St. Joseph to discuss space options
- West Hartford Town Hall Public Display of Arts & Culture
 - It's budget season and the conversation about securing funds to implement the WH Town Hall Public Art Display policy that WHAC has recommended needs to be addressed with certain town council subcommittees
- Redevelopment of St. Brigid School/Community Center -no significant news
- West Hartford Center Infrastructure Master Plan & West Hartford Wayfinding Signage Plan - Decorative Cylindrical Advertising (Webster Columns) & Town Promotional Signage/Unity Green Banners - discussions in progress
- Elmwood Amtrak Bridge Mural- Kate Farrar secured the funding for the mural. The project is anticipated to take place during the summer of 2023. Chuck will extend an invitation to Kate Farrar to one of our future meetings.

IV. Public Comment-no public comment

V. Adjournment -Mirela makes a motion to adjourn seconded by Matt. Meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:21 PM

