

West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting Agenda
August 21 2023 at 6:30 PM

I. Meeting Opening

- Call to Order: 6:34 PM
 - Roll Call: Chuck Coursey, Ginny Kemp, Carol McCabe, Mirela Panaitisor, Sue Rothenberg
 - Absence Excused: Karen Bachman, Matthew Bragg, Javier Colon, Latanya Farrell
- Approval of May Meeting Minutes: Mirela made motion to approve the minutes, and Ginny seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved 5-0.

II. Public Comment: no public comment.

III. Old Business

- Why West Hartford Arts & Culture Calendar: Chuck continues to receive items to post from artists and groups.
- West Hartford Public Library Art Banner Contest – “*Capture the Wonder of West Hartford!*”: Chuck has connected the library’s contact for this contest with Roxanne at the West Hartford Arts League for potential assistance.
- Discussion of “Artify & Enliven West Hartford” – Review Tasks:
 - Prepare talking points/messaging/presentation for Stakeholders, Artists & Media: Chuck to provide draft with Aug minutes & Sept agenda.
 - Secure testimonials from businesses and organizations who have hosted artists & their work in their establishments.
 - ✓ The Russell (LaTanya): will provide testimonial.
 - ✓ WeHa Brewing & Roasting Co. (Chuck): Before Chuck approaches, waiting for Co.’s ordinance request to pass.
 - ✓ Figure 8 Properties - Ballet Theater Co./WHSO/Holiday Stroll (Chuck): Chuck working.
 - ✓ Plan B (Chuck): Chuck working.
 - ✓ Americana Restaurant & Bar (Carol): willing to draft testimonial.
 - ✓ Artisan (Carol): willing to draft testimonial.
 - Chuck to ask Kristen Gorski about town ordinances concerning noise and time restrictions.
 - ✓ Zaytoon: possible future site for music.

IV. New Business: no items introduced.

V. Adjournment: Mirela made motion to adjourn, and Sue seconded the motion. Adjournment was unanimously approved at 6:55 PM.