

Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting

August 1, 2022

Attendees: P. Dunn, L. Gold, A Guzhnay, J. Hameen, F. Vignola

Absent: M Cajigas, R. Immer, A Norcott, B. Schaffer

Staff: A. Jefferson, K. Futrell

4:37pm meeting called to order by L. Gold in absence of an officer. Seconded by J. Hameen

I. Minutes

Minutes to be revisited upon a quorum or next meeting.

II. Directors Report

A. Jefferson provided an update on current programs

Mellon Foundation will be awarding \$150k New Haven Festivals Inc. to support our partnership with the Design Brigade's *On Memory* COVID-19 Memorial project. The funding will support local artists and community advisory board members in the evaluation stage of the development of an art park. The department recently worked with the department to present the Diary Disk temporary art project.

Cultural Workforce Initiative in partnership with the Arts Council - the currently has 15 intern and host art and culture organizations. We have found the need to navigate and guide some older interns through technology training. L. Gold recommended consider partnering with Workforce Alliance or New Haven Works.

A Jefferson noted spending the next several months fundraising to support and expand existing programming.

Underpass Murals – the murals coordinated with NuSpiral will be complete by mid-August. The locations are: Pond Lily/Whalley Avenue; Grand Avenue by Adriana's; and Front Street at Middletown Avenue. The Governor stopped by one of the murals and spent some time painting with the artist on Grand Avenue. Planning is underway to host a press conference with the Governor's office.

Mural Tour – Our Yale Presidential Fellow, Morgan Galloway has been cataloging many of the city's murals and is developing an online mural tour. Additionally, we are ensuring we update the inventory on publicartarchive.org as well. M. Galloway is conducting several artist interviews and researching to highlight some of the works.

Working with the Health Department on Project Heal which received a 4-million-dollar grant to support health related advocacy and events. DACT is responsible for integrating arts and culture with the assistance of Cheri Coore, an intern who serves as the liaison between both departments and the community. The most recent event was held on July 16.

Elizabeth Donius will be working with DACT on a part time basis to gather data as it relates to Arts and Economic Prosperity Study. The study specific data about arts and culture's economic contributions and impact to the city. This will allow us to gain information specific to New Haven not just the region.

Neighborhood Cultural Vitality Grant Program –The department in collaboration with Carnelian (Alice Anne Harwood) has been hosting a free online grant writing course. Individuals can register at

<https://learninghub.carnelianforchange.com/> where participants can access previously recorded sessions, lessons and resources. Live sessions are offered on Tuesdays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

August 20 – EP event at the Canal Dock Boathouse 7pm-11pm.

August 27 – Black Wall Street event at Temple Plaza 12pm-8pm.

III. Old Business

None discussed.

IV. New Business

None discussed.

V. Public Comment

none

ADJOURNMENT

Wooster Square Memorial - Members are encouraged to attend the September meeting will discuss the Wooster Square Memorial artwork.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 (DUE TO LABOR DAY)