

**Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting**  
**March 5, 2024**

**Attendees:** M. Cajigas, I. Gardin, K. Flores, K. Wuzzardo

**Absent:** A. Crutchfield, R. Immer, F. Vignola

**Staff:** A. Jefferson, K. Futrell

4:30 pm meeting called to order by A. Jefferson

**I. Minutes**

Minutes to be revisited in future meeting.

**II. Directors Report**

The department will be hosting the induction of New Haven's Poet Laureate, Sharmont 'Influence' Little on March 12. The first Elm City Flow, a series of community spoken word events in city hall will begin immediately after.

Recent ARPA offerings have closed and under panel review for funding allocations.

Applications for the Neighborhood Cultural Vitality Grant have been received and will be reviewed by a panel in the coming weeks for funding recommendations. The department has a total \$92,000 in support of the 2024/2025 funding cycle.

The department is collaborating with Yale Climate Study and Yale School of Art on the 2024 mural using cooling paints. A mural registry and apprentice program is also under development as part of the project.

M. Cajigas shared the upcoming Ms Puerto Rico Pagent at Wilbur Cross to be held on April 6.

**III. Old Business**

None discussed.

**IV. New Business**

The members discussed attendance and the recruitment of additional commission members.

Members will reconvene for an executive meeting in the coming weeks.

**V. Public Comment**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 AT 4:30PM**

