

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2020

Members Present: Dave Coon, Abby Feldman, Jessie Hameen, Reed Immer, B. Schaffer, B. Segaloff, A. Staton, Francesca Vignola.

Members Absent: Elsie Chapman

Staff Present: Adriane Jefferson, Kim Futrell

CALL TO ORDER

6:17pm

II. MINUTES

Minutes to be revisited in May meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Jefferson reported the department is helping to mediate the damage to New Haven economy, particularly as it relates to arts and culture. The department's normal operations have been halted to focus on COVID-19 assistance under the umbrella of Economic Development Administration (Economic Development Administration is leading the charge in the economic resiliency of the city). In partnership with the Greater New Haven Arts Council created the New Haven Creative Sector Relief fund have opened relief support for small art-based organization (\$500k or less), low income artists and creative businesses (\$500k or less). Requirements include organizations who work or live in New Haven. Have received well over 400 applications funded over 100 (with average amounts of \$500) with 89 on the waiting list. Started with \$66,000 and are seeking additional funding to support the remaining applicants on the waiting list.

Arts and Culture is leading the charge the Together New Haven campaign. The online campaign seeks to encourage residents/businesses to buy local during this time (gift cards, online classes). Participants can forward an image, online presence and contact information.

Cultivating arts education online to support professional development and families. Tasked ourselves with a develop a database of offerings.

Plan to resume cultural equity planning once regular business resumes.

K. Futrell discussed the Neighborhood Cultural Vitality Grant Program recipients and potential need for program cancelations, extensions and other adjustments. Members discussed the arts community's need for longer term relief funding.

OLD BUSINESS

None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4, 2020.