

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2021

Members Present: E.Chapman, D. Coon, L. Gold, R. Immer, A. Norcott, B. Schaffer, B. Segaloff, A. Staton, F. Vignola

Members Absent:, Abby Feldman, J. Hameen

Staff Present: Adriane Jefferson, Kim Futrell

CALL TO ORDER

6:22pm

II. MINUTES

L. Gold motioned to approve minutes as drafted, seconded E. Chapman. Motion unanimously passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

A Jefferson presented department's focus in upcoming year.

- Expansion of community murals, underpass projects with grant funds for new development
- Continue film and event permitting assistance. Anticipate future opportunity to expand film programming in the future for artists and organizations
- Continuation of Neighborhood Cultural Vitality Grants, Creative Relief Fund, and roll out Creative Entrepreneurship Program
- Cultural Equity - by May should have completed plan. Unapologetically Radical conference scheduled for February 20
- Special Projects - continue to build relationships with Economic Development and continue work with community wellbeing committee.

Members made the following departmental programming/project recommendations:

- a self-conducted public art tour of exciting mural works; with marketing dollars; modern kiosk that could allow people to select food tour, art tour, etc. ; convene ethnic societies
- Increased opportunity for hands-on involvement in departmental activities (volunteer opportunities, etc.)
- Partner or assist New Haven Sister Cities to develop pole/signage to be erected to designated for each sister city
- Revisit possibility of New Haven Sister Cities themed meeting room in city hall, where items from each representative city could be displayed

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws – Members agreed to include a diversity, equity and inclusion at beginning of document after CEI plan completion. Staff to confirm if revised bylaws need to be approved by board of alders.

Members made recommendations for monthly guest speakers.

A. Jefferson will forward a list of participation opportunities for Unapologetically Radical Conference

Meeting Times – members discussed modifying monthly meeting times in 2021. Staff will forward poll.

NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

Adjourned at 7:19pm.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBURARY 1, 2021.