

## **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATE: December 6, 2021**

**Attendees:** H. Chávez, D. Coon, P. Dunn, L. Gold, R. Immer, J. Hameen

**Absent:** L. Gold, A. Norcott, B. Schaffer, F. Vignola

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

I. Called to order 4:39pm

### **II. Minutes**

Minutes- Will revisit minutes until a quorum

B. Schaffer called for a motion to approve the September minutes. Motion by P. Dunn, seconded by M. Cajigas, L. Gold abstained.

### **III. Directors Report**

Tree Lighting: The December 2 event was well attended and included a Holiday Village hosted by the Small Business Office. Comments - WTNH could have assisted bringing out a crowd. Excitement around youth vaccination.

Grants: The Arts Council of Greater New Haven in collaboration with DACT have been awarded a \$500k NEA grant. As a result DACT will receive \$100k to support arts workforce initiative program similar to the state of CT where young apprentices are placed in arts related jobs throughout the city. Excited about the grant. Will we consider support for those making a living or to students. Preference for those who typically do not receive these oppt. AJ perhaps we should do a brainstorming session in January.

P. Dunn expressed interest in how the program continue after 2022 and suggested potential partnership with Citywide Youth coalition; youth continuum or regional alliance/reentry. Recommend engaging Janice Caijigas (Citywide Youth), Maddie (LWT)JH could it be a summer program for students; NH Promise•

\$10k has been awarded from the Graustein Foundation.

UR Conference: Scheduled for February 19 and will host Tamika Mallory as keynote speaker. Additional speakers will be local activists, influencers. The event will contain pre-recorded items and be virtual event.

Local Arts Marketing: NBC CT is airing recorded spots highlighting local artists and cultural institutions. The spots began late November and will continue throughout December.

### **IV. Old Business**

None discussed.

### **V. New Business**

Public Art Maintenance: Members discussed artwork maintenance considerations for non-owned city artworks. L. Gold recommended partnership with NH Preservation Trust. PD any value, proprietors thinking through more public establishment of maintenance funding.

L. Gold noted researching if the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven has specialty funding for public art. P. Dunn recommended coordinating with staff to convene a meeting to continue maintenance fund discussion and creation of a network of organizations (NH Museum, Wooster Square Historic Association, Parks, TG, DECD, Yale, Ethnic Heritage Center) with resources or similar needs.

H. Chávez noted limitations on current staffing and recommended additional arts organizations that would be interested in created a coalition or shared interest in maintaining. Arts maintenance training opportunities. A. Jefferson suggested a possible internship.

Adjourned 5:27pm, L. Gold motioned, H. Chávez seconded.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 4:30 P.M.**