

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2020

Members Present: E.Chapman, Lindy Gold, J. Hameen, A. Norcott, B. Segaloff, A. Staton, F. Vignola

Members Absent: Dave Coon, Abby Feldman, R. Immer, B. Schaffer

Staff Present: Adriane Jefferson, Kim Futrell

CALL TO ORDER

6:21pm

II. MINUTES

A Staton called for a motion to approve the September – October minutes. Motioned by L. Gold. Seconded by R. Immer. Minutes unanimously passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Americans for the Arts featured A. Jefferson's article covering anti-racism efforts, the pledge and upcoming conference in the recent magazine.

Holiday activities include the virtual tree lighting on December 10th via NBC CT live stream. A series of Kwanza videos will be available for viewing on department's Instagram and Facebook accounts. 3 local performers participated in holiday performance shorts which will also be released online. The department initiated a cookie decorating share via Instagram in partnership with Long Wharf Theatre.

The Anti-Racism Conference scheduled for February 20 is in full swing. Radical Conversation series- open to recommendations from the CAC which currently could include: Claudia Rankin, Tamika Mallory, Elizabeth Alexander, Khalilah Brown Dean; local people who are globally recognized. L Gold recommends partnering with Roxanne Coady owner of RJ Julia (lives in NH. Storefronts in Middletown and Madison). Radical conversations will be continued beyond the conference.

Department is developing a registry of individuals/groups who focus on anti-racism as potential resources for further anti-racism work.

A. Jefferson introduced current interns - Sonjah Dessalines, Corinna Santos, Tiffany Williams

Wooster Square committee new artwork project will come in front of the Commission soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw discussion and vote until January meeting

NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

7:02pm Motion to adjourn EC, JH

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021.