

## **CAC May 3, 2021**

**Attendees:** D. Coon, J. Hameen, R. Immer, B. Schaffer, A Staton,

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

**Guest:** Mandi Jackson, Music Haven

Called to order at 4:35pm

### **II. Minutes**

to be revisited upon a quorum.

Guest Presentation by Mandi Jackson, Executive Director Music Haven

Music Haven works with New Haven public school students. The musical program is offered free (Typical cost of training is \$3500- \$7500 a year) including instruments to students. A lot of organization's support is raised from individual donations. Entry to the program is income-based. 9 out of 10 students are of color, 42% speak language other than English at home. Most current students are in middle school average age between 10-14. Also have 15-20 high school students. In 2017 Music Haven moved to Erector Square into over 2500 square foot space to allow both rehearsal and administrative space. Often bring in workshops, in 2020 were able to present a musical technology class. Students work one-on-one with teachers and provide exposure to the chamber music experience. When the organization began there were no string programs in the city's public schools.

The organization is examining how to diversify teachers and retain the organization's quartet. Have hired a diverse administrative staff through parent and family network. This past year, Music Haven was able to do outdoor recitals, online classes were provided during covid.

### **III. Directors Report**

New commissioner, Patrick Dunn of the New Haven Pride Center is scheduled to be approved

Tomorrow, May 4<sup>th</sup> the city is hosting a press conference at 1:00pm outside City-Hall in front of the Amistad statue detailing the Cultural Equity Plan. The plan coordinators will host a series of community imagining sessions in mid-May.

The Department of Cultural Affairs will receive 1 million dollars of the American Rescue Plan funding to support summer/early funding programming. Will be an opportunity for community sponsorships. A plan for the remaining funding will soon be announced and will not be as rigorous as the community grants program.

Overall departmental budget was decreased by about 13% in 2022 reduced from \$184,500 to \$150,00. Hopefully moving forward the budget will be increased in the near future.

### **IV. Old Business**

None discussed

**V. New Business**

None discussed

B Schaffer

Adjourned at 5:30pm

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 7 (due to holiday) AT 4:30 P.M.**