

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2021

Attendees: J. Hameen, L. Gold, P Dunn

Absent: B. Schaffer

Staff: A. Jefferson, K. Futrell

Guest: Aleta Staton, Francesca Vignola

Called to order 4:08pm

II. Minutes

to be revisited upon a quorum.

III. Directors Report

Cultural Equity Plan-L G recommend libraries as community spaces; public schools often more costly to rent. Mayor gave feedback and supportive; will present to Board of Alders (note to make sure to invite the CAC to the Board of Alders meeting). Will first present to leadership AS will reach out to Alder Crespo to ask for support as leaders to support. P Dunn - part of community advisers to the plan. Tasked with reimagining the cultural landscape of the arts & cultural sector in New Haven. Focus on neighborhoods, community, and the city. Allowed for deep thinking around arts & culture where everyone is invited to be around the table. Nice to see fresh faces and enjoyed the process that allowed for great conversations. Power mapping. Advisory group was a good representation of the city. Should we prerelease in draft form? LG recommends.

Do we need to notice a formal vote on cultural equity plan Absence of a quorum the results will be passed. L. G. Recommend approval by the board of alderman as the CAC. Seconded by Crespo will make a recommendation to full board for approval.

American Rescue Plan Grant-3 of the grants will be re-opened on August 17 and closing on September 30 for equity reasons. Process is challenging. Current offerings are Public Art, Outdoor Events/Festivals. Documents that are required via purchasing that are difficult for artists and cultural organizations to understand and relate. Many of the forms are geared towards for-profit companies and are outdated.

Last Civic Space community gathering at the Shubert Theatre on August 17 at 6pm. Will include presentation on what has been learned to date. DACT in partnership with the Health Department is working with artists to assist with spreading the information on vaccinations. Billboards are being posted around the city. Photography by Leigh Busby. \$1mil for office Health Literacy; P Dunn recommended including the drag community in outreach efforts. Jahnic Cajigas from Citywide Youth Coalition and works with 12-30/35 who may be seeking additional answers related to the vaccine. P. Dunn volunteered to work with DACT to assist with campaign. Other community contacts include in Jafferis/The Word Frank M Brady. CAC members will email ideas Discover Amistad planning to come to New Haven in the Fall. LG, JH is interested in assisting with marketing on-site activities; include Freedom Trail information (does brochure still exist). Underpass Mural Project - plan to work with Nu Spiral Collective, an anti-racist collective to partner on the project. This collective will oversee the entire process artist.

Reminder to that Adriana's is interested in public art outside their building.

Adjourned LG, JH seconded 5:27pm

IV. Old Business

Discussed under directors report.

V. New Business

A Jefferson requested writing assistance on upcoming grants. Members P Dunn, L Gold agreed to assist. Guest Aleta Staton also volunteered.

Adjourned at 5:01pm

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 4:30 P.M.