

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 (due to Labor Day)

Attendees: P. Dunn, B Schaffer, J Hameen

Absent: L. Gold, A. Norcott

Staff: A. Jefferson, K. Futrell

Guests: Reed Immer, F Vignola

Called to order 4:39pm

II. Minutes

to be revisited upon a quorum.

III. Directors Report

The Arts Council is offering an Anti-Racism training on September 27. Holding 2-3 seats for board members of organizations. Additional anti-racism event planning in collaboration with Jacob Padron, Shelly Quiala and others. **training has been postponed until November. Date and time TBA.*

Recent Passing Strange outdoor production by Long Wharf Theatre with support from DACT was well done and received.

Recent round of American Rescue Fund grants (Public Art, Outdoor Festival & Event, Venue Sponsorship) have been submitted. Currently in review process.

Discover Amistad plans to dock The Amistad in New Haven October 5-16. The organization is looking to partner with other New Haven organizations to coordinate programming during its stay. Programming could include a focus on desegregating, undoing redlining, Members recommended that they connect with artists for performances on family fun day. Discover Amistad is willing to extend its time in New Haven dependent on local participation.

Cultural Equity Plan: Final plan will need approval from the commission prior to moving to the Board of Alders for unanimous consent. Members discussed a path forward while waiting for additional individuals to be appointed to commission.

Commission membership: Some former members currently are in the process of reappointment. Staff anticipates having Hope Chavez formally appointed before the end of September.

Underpass Murals: Working with NuSpiral Collective who will recruit local artists, manage projects. Solidifying agreements and permitting necessary for Fall mural. Hope to have installation by late October or at the latest Spring 2022.

Unapologetically Radical conference scheduled for early in 2022. Entrepreneurship Decoded has selected cohort members for stipends and will formally announce in coming weeks.

CAC meetings will continue to be held on zoom until internal decision states otherwise.

F. Vignola shared Town Green Night Market on October 8th.

IV. Old Business

Grant writing support - add Barbara Schaffer to list

V. New Business

Non discussed.

Adjourned at 5:09pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 4:30 P.M.