

**HAMDEN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**  
**7pm**  
**Via Zoom/Telephonically**

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**Minutes**

- 1. Call To Order:** At 7:07 pm, Ms. Gargiulo called the meeting to order.
- 2. Attendance**
  - a. **In Attendance:** Marita Gargiulo; Loraine Bornholdt-Brown; Lushonda Howard; Alex Mickens; Lisa Morrison; Siobhan Carter-David; Donna Elkin; Charlotte Lefland; Charles Korstep; Susan Cutillo; Diane Brown; Isabella Mendes Lira
  - b. **Absent:** George Moore; Sandy Schiff; Margaret Craft
  - c. **Also In Attendance:** Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
- 3. Approval of Past Minutes:** January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - a. Ms. Lefland made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Gargiulo. All were in favor.
- 4. Old Business- N/A**
- 5. New Business**
  - a. **Elections (moved to end of meeting)**
    - i. Ms. Howard made motion to move the elections until the end of the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Lefland. (Please see below for election results.)
  - b. **MLK Mural Project**
    - i. Ms. Martindale was happy to report that the MLK Mural Project, which is spearheaded by Rise Up CT Murals, is finally moving forward. She noted that the MLK Mural committee voted to have the mural painted on the Miller Library, on the wall across from the police station. Ms. Bornholdt-Brown asked how artists were decided. Ms. Martindale explained that Rise Up handles the artist selection, most of the promotional aspect, and general organization and logistics. Ms. Martindale did say that when she has more details on the next stages of the project, the commission will be able to tell her how much responsibility they wish to take on, in regards to the promotional and fundraising efforts.
  - c. **Summer Concert Planning**
    - i. Ms. Martindale explained that the Town is planning to offer smaller concerts this summer, featuring more local and regional artists. Ms. Gargiulo asked

what type of bands we should try to find. Ms. Martindale expressed that the goal is to find a diverse group bands that appeal to a broad variety of Hamden residents, and that have an existing fan base. Ms. Mendes-Lira asked how long the sets usually run. Ms. Martindale explained that the opening band usually plays for about 30 minutes, and the main band plays for 90 minutes. Several commissioners started suggesting local bands. Ms. Martindale agreed to create a google doc so the commission could start collaborating. Ms. Elkin asked about the budget for the concerts, and also the account balances. Ms. Martindale explained that while there is room in the budget for the concerts, the emphasis is on local and regional performers, which generally cost less than national and/or big name performers.

- ii. Ms. Martindale gave the following account balances:
  1. Peter Harold \$69,600
  2. Saturday Series \$12,729
  3. Gift \$48,843

## **6. Comments/ Suggestions- N/A**

## **7. Elections**

- a. Ms. Howard read aloud the section of the charter which calls for annual elections of the chair, vice chair, and secretary/treasurer positions. Ms. Lefland, Ms. Mendes Lira, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Mickens nominated Ms. Howard as chair. As no one else was nominated, the nominations were closed, and the vote was held. All 12 commissioners present voted to elect Ms. Howard as chair. There were no abstentions or oppositions.
- b. Ms. Carter-David, and Ms. Brown then nominated Ms. Mendes Lira as vice-chair. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and a vote was held. All 12 commissioners present voted to elect Ms. Mendes Lira as vice-chair. There were no abstentions or oppositions.
- c. Ms. Mendes-Lira, and Ms. Brown then nominated Ms. Lefland as secretary/treasurer. Ms. Elkin nominated Mr. Korstep. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. A vote was first held for Ms. Lefland, with a total of nine votes: Ms. Mendes-Lira, Ms. Lefland, Ms. Mickens, Ms. Morrison, Ms. Carter-David, Ms. Brown, Ms. Howard, Ms. Cutillo, and Ms. Bornholdt-Brown. A vote was then held for Mr. Korstep, with a total of three votes: Ms. Elkin, Ms. Gargiulo, and Mr. Korstep. There were no abstentions. Therefore, Ms. Lefland was elected as secretary/treasurer.
- d. Chairwoman Howard, Ms. Mendes-Lira, and Ms. Lefland expressed their hope to improve the commission, and continue to serve the Hamden community in respect to the Arts.

- 8. **Adjournment:** At 8:03 pm Ms. Bornholdt- Brown made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Lefland. All were in favor.

**Submitted by:** Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk