

HAMDEN ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 1st, 2023
7pm
Hybrid Meeting
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Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** As a quorum was unable to be met, an informal discussion began around 7:10 pm.
- 2. Attendance (need 8, cuz we are supposed to have 15? I guess)**
 - a. In Attendance:** Lushonda Howard; Donna Elkin; Toure Diggs; Susan Cutillo; Marita Gargiulo; Charles Kortsep; Siobhan Carter-David
 - b. Also in Attendance:** Karen Bivens, Director of Arts, Culture, Recreation and Wellness; Salvatore McClain, Arts Assistant; Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
 - c. Absent:** Diane Brown; Alex Mickens; George Moore; Charlotte Lefland; Lisa Morrison; Margaret Craft
- 3. Approval of Past Minutes:** February 3rd, 2023 – N/A
- 4. Report of the Treasurer-N/A**
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Summer Concert Series**
 - i. There was a brief discussion regarding several changes to the initial lineup. Once finalized, Chairwoman Howard will e-mail an updated lineup to commissioners.
 - b. Play (Death By A Thousand Cuts)**
 - i. Ms. Bivens suggested that the commission support the play by purchasing food for the actors, or find sponsors who are willing to donate it. She confirmed that Hamden High School can provide sound and lighting.
 - c. Salute to the Stars**

- i. Chairwoman Howard notified the commissioners that they are behind on the timeline to host the event. She noted that Ms. Morrison has volunteered to help learn how to run this event, but will send out an e-mail requesting another volunteer.

d. Saturday series

- i. Chairwoman Howard confirmed that the last Saturday Series of the season will take place on March 25th, featuring the group: Taikoza. Mr. McClain distributed some paper flyers and Chairwoman Howard distributed digital flyers and requested that all commissioners spread the word.

6. New Business

a. Arts Commission Logo

- i. There was a discussion regarding the two potential Arts Commission logos commissioned by Mr. Diggs. Suggestions were made in real time and the updated logo options were distributed via email. A vote will take place at the next meeting to officially choose the logo.

b. MLK

- i. Ms. Bivens updated the commission that so far, almost \$1000 has been raised for the MLK Mural Project. She reminded commissioners that in order to receive a matching donation from the organization, the donations must come from a minimum of 75 individual donors/ small businesses or organizations.

7. Announcements- N/A

8. Adjournment: At 7:51 pm, the informal discussion ended.

Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk