

**Hamden Arts Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 6th, 2022
7pm
Via Zoom/Telephonically**

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Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairwoman Howard called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
- 2. Attendance – need 8 for quorum**
 - a. In Attendance:** Lushonda Howard, Chairwoman; Donna Elkin; Siobhan Carter-David; Charles Kortsep; Sandy Schiff; Diane Brown; Charlotte Lefland; Marita Gargiulo; Lisa Morrison
 - b. Absent:** George Moore; Susan Cutillo; Margaret Craft; Loraine Bornholdt-Brown; Alex Mickens
 - c. Also In Attendance:** Alisha Martindale, Arts Department; Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
- 3. Approval of Past Minutes:** March 9th, 2022
 - a.** Chairwoman Howard requested that the March 9th minutes include her statement about failing to get in contact with Commissioner Peggy Craft regarding her intention to participate with the commission.
 - b.** Ms. Elkin made a motion to approve the amended minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Lefland. All were in favor.
 - c. Add – shon- did inform comm that she attempted to contact margaret craft with any inteiton to participate – ask kim craft if her mom stil wlants to participate and get back to shon- or give that info to shon**
- 4. Report of the Chairwoman**
 - a.** Chairwoman Howard notified the commissioners that the commission will resume in person meetings, beginning with the May 4th meeting. As a reminder, in person meetings will take place in the third floor conference room at the Hamden Government Center. Ms. Schiff will be excused from this meeting, as she will be out of state at that time.
 - b.** Chairwoman Howard noted that she met with Chief of Staff, Sean Grace, regarding updating the signatories for the Webster bank account. He is currently looking into the appropriate procedures for changing the names. There was some discussion regarding the ongoing

conversation of transferring the funds to a Liberty account. Ms. Lefland confirmed that efforts are still being made to switch banks, however, the changing of signatories on the Webster account is a necessary first step.

5. Old Business

a. MLK Mural Project

- i. Ms. Martindale notified the commission that the project is currently on hold, as she is waiting to hear back from Sustainable CT, regarding the grant match. She confirmed that the AC is still pledged to give \$5,000. Ms. Martindale also explained that she will no longer be working in the Arts Department moving forward, so she will not be directly overseeing this project. Several commissioners expressed interest in playing a direct role in the hiring of a new AC coordinator.

b. Summer Concert Planning

- i. (Ms. Morrison arrived at 7:26 pm)
- ii. After discussing and sampling each potential band/performance option, the commission voted on the following (main act) lineup:
 1. July 1st: KSF Tribute Band (Rock/Classic)
 2. July 8th: The Lost Tribe (World Music)
 3. July 15th: Le Mixx (Funk/Soul)
 4. July 22nd: Goza Latin Band (Latin)
- iii. (Ms. Schiff left the meeting at 7:55 pm)
- iv. There was a brief discussion regarding whether or not each concert date will also include an opening band performance. Ms. Martindale explained that the 2021 concert series only consisted of main acts. However, if the administration decides to also include opening acts, they will be sourced later, and do not require commission approval.
- v. (Ms. Gargiulo left the meeting at 8:10 pm)
- vi. Ms. Martindale also clarified that the main bands/acts receive \$2500, as they play for 90 minutes. Any opening acts receive \$500, for a 30 minute set.

c. Salute To Young Artists – Tabled until May meeting

d. Saturday Series-Donna (Chair) Need Committee members- Tabled until May meeting

e. Sunday Series-Lorraine (Chair) need Committee members –Tabled until May meeting

f. Silver Bells-Chair/Committee members needed- Tabled until May meeting

6. Action Items- N/A

7. Announcements-N/A

8. **Adjournment:** At 8:22 pm, Chairwoman Howard stated that agenda items 5c-5f would be tabled until the May 4th meeting. She requested that any commissioners who have not already notified her of their preferred committee (see above) to do so as soon as possible. She then requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. Elkin made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Lefland. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk