

**HAMDEN ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**7pm**  
**Via Zoom/ Telephonically**

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**Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairwoman Howard called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.
- 2. Attendance**
  - a. In Attendance:** Lushonda Howard; Toure Diggs; Lisa Morrison; Susan Cutillo; Donna Elkin; Sandy Schiff; Marita Gargiulo;
  - b. Absent:** Charles Kortsep; Charlotte Lefland; George Moore; Diane Brown; Siobhan Carter-David; Alex Mickens; Margaret Craft
  - c. Also in Attendance:** Karen Bivens, Director of Arts, Culture, Recreation and Wellness; Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
- 3. Approval of Past Minutes:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
  - a.** Ms. Elkin made a motion to approve the March 1<sup>st</sup> minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Morrison. All were in favor.
- 4. Report of the Treasurer**
  - a.** Chairwoman Howard confirmed that the balance of the Webster account is \$50,755.45.
- 5. Old Business**
  - a. Taikoza**
    - i.** Chairwoman Howard noted that the final Saturday Series event took place on March 25<sup>th</sup>. About 85 people attended the Taikoza performance. Several commissioners shared positive feedback about the success of the event. Ms. Morrison largely credited the successful turnout to the fact that the event was advertised about two months early.
  - b. MLK Mural**
    - i.** Chairwoman Howard was happy to confirm that the TOH has met the financial obligations to proceed with the mural project. The first paint day is scheduled for

the Earth Day celebrations in TCP, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The second paint day will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and will take place at the Keefe Center. The final mural will be revealed at the Juneteenth celebration in TCP.

**c. Death by a Thousand Cuts (Play)**

- i. Ms. Bivens gave an overview of the play, which follows one man's experience growing up in the U.S. as a POC. An interactive discussion will follow the play. She confirmed that the play will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. She asked if the commission would be interested in providing the meal for both cast and crew (12-15 members) on both days and volunteering to work the box office. Chairwoman Howard requested a motion to approve the providing of meals to cast/crew on both days. Ms. Elkin made a motion to approve the providing of meals to cast/crew on both April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, which was seconded by Ms. Cutillo. All were in favor. A brief discussion ensued regarding which commissioners were available to volunteer on the respective days.

**d. Summer Concert Series**

- i. Chairwoman Howard announced the final set list for the Summer Concert Series.
- ii. July 7 Southern Voice & Nikita Waller
- iii. July 14 The Bernadettes & Timmy Maia
- iv. July 21 DJ's from Herman Ham Group and Buddha Love Jones
- v. July 28<sup>th</sup> Professor B and the Army of Love & Doug Jones

**e. Arts Commission Logo**

- i. Chairwoman Howard requested a vote to decide the commission's logo.
  1. Option #1 (Please see attached)
    - a. Aye
      - i. Lisa Morrison
      - ii. Susan Cutillo
    - b. Nay
      - i. Sandy Schiff
      - ii. Marita Gargiulo
      - iii. Donna Elkin
      - iv. Lushonda Howard
    - c. Abstained
      - i. Toure Diggs
  2. Option #2 (Please see attached)
    - a. Aye
      - i. Sandy Schiff
      - ii. Marita Gargiulo
      - iii. Donna Elkin
      - iv. Lushonda Howard
    - b. Nay
      - i. Lisa Morrison
      - ii. Susan Cutillo
    - c. Abstained
      - i. Toure Diggs

3. As the majority voted aye for Option #2, the new logo can be seen on Page 5.

**6. Announcements**

a. Ms. Bivens gave an overview of some upcoming events, such as:

- i. May 12<sup>th</sup> Animal Shelter Fundraising Event for “We are Love” Organization
- ii. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Hamden Fest
- iii. June 10<sup>th</sup> Pride
- iv. June 17<sup>th</sup> MLK Unveiling at the Juneteenth Celebration

7. **Adjournment:** At 7:57pm, Ms. Gargiulo made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Diggs. All were in favor.

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

OPTION #1



OPTION #2

