

HAMDEN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023
7pm
Via Zoom/ Telephonically

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Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** As a quorum was unable to be met, an unofficial discussion took place.
2. **Attendance**
 - a. **In Attendance:** Lushonda Howard, Chairwoman; Charlotte Lefland; Marita Gargiulo; Donna Elkin; Siobhan Carter-David; Susan Cutillo
 - b. **Also in Attendance:** Karen Bivens, Director of Arts, Culture, Recreation, and Wellness; Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
 - c. **Absent:** Toure Diggs; Lisa Morrison; George Moore; Alex Mickens; Sandy Schiff; Margaret Craft; Diane Brown; Charles Kortsep
3. **Approval of Past Minutes:** April 12th, 2023- N/A
4. **Report of the Treasurer**
 - a. The balance of the Saturday Series Fund is \$11,098.13. The balance of the General Gift Fund is \$50,593.47. \$205 was raised at the Taikoza event.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Death by a Thousand Cuts**
 - i. Ms. Bivens thanked all commissioners who helped out at the event, and Ms. Carter-David who moderated the interactive Q&A afterwards. There was a brief discussion about the quality and provocative nature of the play, and its overall success.
 - b. **MLK Mural Project**
 - i. Chairwoman Howard announced that the final paint day will be taking place on May 11th, 2023 from 3pm-8pm. She suggested meeting as a commission to jointly paint at 5pm. She reminded everyone that the grand unveiling of the mural will be on Juneteenth (June 17th, 2023) at 12 pm.
 - c. **Saturday/ Sunday Series**

- i. Chairwoman Howard notified all commissioners that the next meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, will be dedicated to brainstorming performing acts for the upcoming fall schedule.

d. Summer Concert Series

- i. Chairwoman Howard announced that she needs as many commissioners to help with the series. She also clarified that like last year, the commission will be providing food/drinks to the performing acts prior to their shows. There was a discussion about purchasing AC shirts, which will display the new logo. There was also a discussion regarding a potential increase in on-site donations with the use of QR codes.

6. Announcements – N/A

- 7. Adjournment:** The unofficial meeting adjourned around 7:30 pm.

Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk