

**Hamden Arts Commission  
Minutes of a Special Meeting  
Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7pm**

**Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order:** As a quorum was unable to be met, an informal discussion took place.
- 2. Attendance:**
  - a. In Attendance: Lushonda Howard, Chairwoman; Toure Diggs; Charles Kortsep; Sandy Schiff; Donna Elkin; Charlotte Lefland; Lisa Morrison
  - b. Absent: Marita Gargiulo; George Moore; Susan Cutillo; Alex Mickens; Siobhan Carter-David; Peggy Craft; Diane Brown
  - c. Also In Attendance: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
- 3. Introduction of New Commissioner: Toure Diggs**
  - a. Mr. Diggs gave a brief overview of his background, education, hobbies, and his interest in the arts. Commissioners proceeded to introduce themselves.
- 4. Finalize Summer Concert Plans**
  - a. Ms. Howard confirmed that both Ms. Alisha Martindale and Ms. Karen Bivens will be in attendance at the concert on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and will secure the collected money. She also confirmed that Hamden High School is currently reserved as a backup concert location, in the event of inclement weather. The school can hold 600 patrons.

Ms. Howard also confirmed a \$3000 donation from Liberty Bank. Ms. Schiff noted that she was able to obtain \$25 gift certificates from BJ's in Wallingford and North Haven. She was also able to get a \$30 gift certificate from Big Y in Cheshire. With these gift certificates, she was able to purchase most of the supplies/refreshments required for the July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> concerts. Lastly, Ms. Schiff was able to confirm that Café Amici is willing to donate a meal for one of the bands/groups.

Ms. Howard confirmed that CERT will be on site at the concert, however, they will be not be providing golf carts to transport disabled patrons. Ms. Morrison questioned if perhaps these individuals would be able to drive further into the grounds, on the paved road in Town Center Park, in an effort to minimize total walking. Ms. Howard agreed to look into the matter further.

Ms. Howard went over the scheduled shifts for those commissioners volunteering at the concerts (see below). She confirmed that commissioners should arrive between 5- 5:30 PM to help set up.

-July 1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Moore; Ms. Schiff; Ms. Elkin; Mr. Kortsep

-July 8<sup>th</sup>: Ms. Howard; Ms. Lefland; Ms. Carter- David; Ms. Elkin; Mr. Moore; and Ms. Brown

-July 15<sup>th</sup>: Ms. Howard; Ms. Lefland; Ms. Elkin; Mr. Moore; Ms. Brown

-July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Howard; Ms. Lefland; Ms. Schiff (tentative); Ms. Elkin; Ms. Morrison; Ms. Brown

Ms. Lefland is working with Ms. Martindale to update the commission's page on the TOH website. She requested that any commissioners who wish to update their bios, please e-mail a write-up to [cklefland@gmail.com](mailto:cklefland@gmail.com).

**5. Announcements- N/A**

**6. Adjournment:** The informal discussion ended at 8:10 pm.