



CONNECTING THE ARTS WITH THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:30 AM

MINUTES

Present: Jeff Price, Diane Jellerette, Janet Evelyn, Nori Grudin, Judith Bacal, Kathryn Hebert, Melissa Slattery, Jennifer Bangser, Sophia Gevas, Lillie Fortino, Chris Bradley, Dorothy Mobilia, Lynn Massey, Helen Roman, Susan Wallerstein.

Absent: Becki Christopherson, Tony Velez, Shruti Chalmani

The chair called the meeting to order about 8:35 introducing Lillie Fortino from the Norwalk Housing Authority 20 West Learning Center and new members Helen Roman, Jennifer Bangser & Shruti Chalmani.

New Business

1. Human Relations Commission Public Hearing April 28 – The group reviewed and discussed the four page DRAFT document and attachments. The chair recommended that the Arts Commission convey background information rather than taking a position on the proposed removal/relocation of the mural. Those present engaged in thoughtful discussion about the issue and made several suggestions for improving the document. The chair asked for and received affirmation that there was consensus to transmit the document to the Human Relations Commission after a one week review period during which time members might make additional edits/suggestions.
2. Parks & Recreation Sculpture Proposal – Helen Roman, Lynn Massey and Jennifer offered to follow up on the email requesting assistance reviewing a proposed sculpture for Oyster Shell Park.

Updates & Discussion

1. Consultant Judith Bacal gave an update on the mobile app.
2. Melissa Slattery shared upcoming plans for the Mayor's Gallery, including changing exhibits in late June and reviewing the themes for 2016-17. There was consensus to continue Melissa's services as curator for 2016-17.
3. Chris Bradley announced plans to meet with Laurel Peterson to learn more about her ideas for promoting poetry. Stay tuned for details.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 AM.