

Arts Commission Minutes – April 11, 2017 @ Norwalk Transit District

- Voting Members Present: Susan Wallerstein, Lynn Massey, Helen Roman, and Chris Bradley, Nori Grudin
- Voting Members Absent: Janet Evelyn, Becki Christopherson, Jeff Price, Shruti Chalmani
- Friends Present: Diane Jellerette, Melissa Slattery, Jeanne Hard, Kathy Hebert, Danielle Vinci
- Guests: Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, Nancy Diamond, 20 West video teacher

Note: The meeting began with a short tour of public art – including but not limited to WPA murals – at the Transit District. Meeting called to order at 8:45.

Report: Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, Oak Hills Park Authority.

Elsa, The Oak Hills Park Nature advisory committee member, in honor of National Trail day The oak Hills Park Nature Trail will be offering a guided Trail walk on June 3rd from 3 to 5 p.m. the walk will be a little over a mile long. There will be an opportunity for bird watching and information on the flora and fauna. Laura Peterson Norwalk's poet Laureate will be reading a poem to dedicate the Nature Trail.

Report: Danielle: NHA 20 WEST, talked about starting a partnership with the Norwalk River Club. The club has offered the use of their boathouse for events. Some of the events would include a poetry slam, displaying works of art from local artist & NHA 20 West Children and maybe a film festival.

Report: Chris Bradley, Directory of the Norwalk Library, The Lit Crawl was a great success with its largest turnout to date. Chris also handed out a booklet from the event that lists the readers and what poem they read at which restaurant. The in honor of Poetry month, the wheels buses have a sign with a poem displayed within each bus. Chris also gave out a lovely booklet of poetry that Laurel had written for an event she did with Jazz musician Jim Clark. She also mentioned that Laurel along with other professors at NCC will be participating in writers resist on April 27th

Report: Slow Art Day, The Art Commission partnered with RAC (Rowayton Art's Center) for Slow Art Day. 25 people attended Slow Art, and we received positive feedback from those who attended the event. The sub-committee will meet for a debriefing.

Report: Melissa Slattery, Mayor's Gallery announced that the next mayor Gallery will focus on the rehab construction of Fodor farm. She is working on the next exhibit for the Sloan Gallery.

Report: Kathy Hebert, Parking Authority Maritime Gallery garage will be partnering with NCC do a student show once the current show is taken down they are also looking for a new Gallery director as their current one has left the position

Report Diane Jellerette, Norwalk Historical Society Museum Mill Hill will be partaking in Connecticut open house from 12pm to 5:30pm

Report: Susan, Chairperson, the Art Commission will be having an oyster and art tour, for CT open house day. Norm Boom will provide boat rides as part of the tour. The tours will have two groups of 15.

We are still working on the public walking tours with the Bike tasks forced to include stops that are on the mobile app

Meeting adjourned 10:30 AM