



**TUESDAY October 10th 8:30 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES**

Members present: Susan Wallerstein, TC Burt, Janet Evelyn, Nori Grudin, Helen Roman, Danielle Vinci (quorum 6/11)

Friends/guests present: Chris Bradley, James Cooper (Troupers Light Opera), Melissa Matuska, Dorothy Mobilia, Melissa Slattery

Chair, Susan Wallerstein, called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM. Following introductions and welcome to visitors, officers provided the following reports:

1. Chair
 - The Council ordinance committee will review and vote on the revised by-laws next week. When/if adopted by the Common Council this will provide for appointment after the election of two additional members who will serve on behalf of Council members.
 - Motion made and unanimous vote to approve the revised by-laws as presented.
 - A group of those interested in exploring film programming and murals in the Wall St. area is emerging from the Arts District First Friday group.
 - Discussion about meeting day & time (no change at this time) and locations. Suggestions: MTC, Historical Society, Factory Underground.
 - Susan reminded those present that Steven Rust and Tim Gaylord continue to represent NAC on the Walk Bridge Design Advisory Committee.
2. Treasurer presented and explained the financial report. Motion made and unanimous vote to accept.
3. Secretary was not present but motion made and unanimous vote to approve September minutes as presented.

Committee reports:

- 21st Century Norwalk - Review of report submitted by Jennifer Bangser who was not able to make the meeting
- Mayor's Gallery - Melissa Slattery spoke about current exhibit of student art and said she was beginning to plan for the next exhibit in January, possibly something connected to the 21st Century project.
- Poet Laureate - Chris Bradley provided a report on behalf of Laurel Peterson - Poets in Conversation series, National Poet Laureate's visit to Norwalk next spring, poetry-dance collaboration, Indie Author Day, etc.
- SLOW Art - Nori Grudin (Perry sculpture @ Merritt 7? Other?) will convene a committee to begin planning for next April's "Slow Art Day." Those involved last year spoke about the benefits of involving 20 West and other students.
- Public Art (donations, sculpture park, 101 corridor, Walk Bridge commission) - Susan distributed a draft charge to the public art committee and said Helen Roman was willing to chair this group. Others interested included Janet Evelyn and Melissa Matuska.

New Business:

- Revised proposal from Judith Bacal for mobile app and tour development - Deferred as Judith was not present.
- Susan asked the voting members present to consider approving the acceptance of a Charles Perry sculpture on loan. Motion made, unanimous vote.
- Communication - After discussion about various communication strategies and lists, Melissa Matuska offered to review and suggest ways NAC might improve its efforts to "connect the arts and the community," specifically merging existing lists, considering use of MailChimp, etc.
- Discussion about the benefits of and need to have the Mayor officially designate City staff members and others as ex officio members of the Commission, including Chris Bradley, Kathryn Hebert, etc. Susan to follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM