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**CITY OF NORWALK
ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Marc Alan, Chair; Nori Grudin; Matthew O'Callaghan;
Kadeem Roberts; Robert Abriola (6:32 p.m.);
Janet Evelyn (6:44 p.m.)

STAFF: Sabrina Church, Director of Business Development and Tourism

OTHERS: Julio Pardo

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Alan called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Alan called the Roll as indicated above. At Roll Call a Quorum was not present and no votes would be taken until a Quorum was present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to participate.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

a. Approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 regular meeting.

No action was taken on the minutes at this time.

V. COMMITTEE/STAFF UPDATES

a. Budget Committee Update

i. Finance update – Nori Grudin

Ms. Grudin updated the Commissioners. She said she and Mr. Abriola are working on creating an on-going budget summary/ledger. She noted that this is a work in progress.

Mr. Grudin reported that the balance is \$11,530.90. Ms. Church said they are flagging \$6,000 for the spring barriers.

Mr. Alan said he wants to know what a reasonable monthly amount would be for them to work with.

The Commissioners discussed expenses for the barriers. Ms. Church noted that it would cost \$6,000 to have the barriers printed, so they will not be printed this year. She said that Mr. Abriola is going to curate the barriers. She said that they are seeing permit requests for outdoor dining. They will need to figure out a date for the barriers.

b. Communications Committee Update

i. Social Media update – Michelle Rakowsky & Marc Alan

Mr. Alan said he wants to work closely with Ms. Rakowsky to pick out the right content. He said there is a lack of interaction and that he needs voting members of the Commission to share her posts. He said there will be community outreach for the MLK project. Mr. Alan said that Mr. O'Callaghan has insight into the schools. Mr.

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O'Callaghan said he is a Freshman at Norwalk Community College and they have a lot of art at NCC that needs to be communicated. He said he will forward what he can that is art related.

Mr. Pardo reported that there have been some documents going around for the Call to Artists. Ms. Church said she sent it to the Purchasing Department and to Mr. Morgan to do some press around it.

Mr. Abriola joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

c. Infrastructure Committee Update

i. MLK update – Janet Evelyn & Julio Pardo

Mr. Pardo shared his screen showing the graphics for the Call to Artists event. He said he hopes to have a site for the Earth Day clean up event. Ms. Church asked him to add the City of Norwalk and the Arts Commission logo

The Commissioners discussed the graphics and offered suggestions.

The artists will be part of the Earth Day clean up event and as a result will be able to look at the space.

Ms. Evelyn joined the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Mr. Pardo said he does not know where the final location will be. He said he hopes to get multiple proposals. Ten artists will be selected and it will be up to them, if they want to do multiple locations. He added that there will be a screening process.

A Quorum was now present.

Ms. Church suggested that Mr. Pardo talk to Mr. Shockley. She said she believes they need to use a City owned property.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

a. Approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 regular meeting.

**** MR. ABRIOLA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** MR. O'CALLAGHAN SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. O'CALLAGHAN)**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed this evening.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Alan said he will send an e-mail to the Commissioners updating them on the new artists space.

Ms. Church discussed the traffic boxes. She said they cannot be put into the parks unless it is temporary. She said she believes there are about 50 traffic boxes being decommissioned. She said the boxes belong to Eversource and are currently on City property. Mr. Alan said they will need to find a public space if they want to preserve the decommissioned traffic boxes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. EVELYN MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MR. ABRIOLA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services