

**City of Norwalk
Arts Commission
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Mark Alan, Robert Abriola, Elizabeth Tardif, Melissa Metuska, Steve Rust, Brian Kaspr

STAFF: Sabrina Church

OTHER: Jahmane, Artist, Julio Pardo, Artist

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alan Called to meeting to order at 6:00.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Alan gave a roll call of the members present.

There was a quorum present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

a) Approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 regular meeting.

******Mr. Abriola moved to approve the minutes as submitted.**

******Ms. Tardiff seconded the motion.**

******The motion passed, with Mr. Kaspr abstaining.**

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- b) Ms. Church presented the meeting dates for 2022. Meetings will be on the first Tuesday of every month. Mr. Alan would like the meetings to move to start the meetings at 7:00. The meetings will be a hybrid of in person and zoom.

******Ms. Tardiff moved to accept the dates for the 2022 meetings.**

******Mr. Kaspr seconded the motion.**

******The motion passed unanimously.**

V. COMMITTEE/STAFF UPDATES

A. Budget Committee Update - Sabrina Church

Ms. Gruden wasn't able to attend. Ms. Church presented the budget. The budget request will be the same next year (\$14,500) for operating expenses. Hopefully, there will be a person to handle social media which would be another expense.

Ms. Church also presented the MLK Blvd Art project budget. The project is fully funded.

There will be additional funds available from the AARPA Funds and the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Funds will be allocated in the future to maintain existing art in the city.

B. Communications Committee update - Marc Alan.

Work has started on the newsletter. The goal is to have the first newsletter come out before the Norwalk Film Festival. It will include promotion for the ribbon cutting for the Lauren Clayten mural on Nov 14, 2021.

There is an ongoing effort to boost subscribership.

C. Infrastructure Committee Update - Brian Kaspr

i. Underpass update

There is a meeting coming up in two weeks. Mr. Kaspr found the guidelines for approving art in the underpasses. Mr. Kaspr has identified two pedestrian only underpasses that could be improved with art.

The ultimate goal is to cover every underpass with art.

ii. MLK Progress Update - Julio Pardo

The Pumping Station mural is complete. Work is currently happening on the stairs, with a completion date before Thanksgiving. Signage, qr codes and lighting will be added.

Ms. Church will add information about the projects to the City of Norwalk website.

iii. Art in Public Places Program - Brian Kaspr, Sabrina Church

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve the Traffic Graphic installation on four traffic boxes in support of the MLK Art Project.

i. Locations:

1. #51 4/B/9 located at MLK at Madison Street
2. # 50 4/B/2 located at MLK at Monroe Street
3. # 48 4/B/3 located at MLK at Lowe Street
4. # 61 4/A/8 located at South Main Street at Concord Street

Mr. Pardo and Jahmane shared the proposal. This project has the potential to mentor artists in ongoing relationships through the workshops. The budget and timeline were also presented.

Mr. Alan voiced concern that the budget for this is much higher than what the commission usually pays for art on a traffic box. And is not sure this project should fall under the MLK Art Project goals.

This will be voted on in the next committee meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

******Ms. Metuska moved to adjourn the meeting.**

******Ms. Tardiff seconded the motion.**

******The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23.

Respectfully submitted,

[Amy Chaple](#)

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