



**ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, February 1, 2022 – 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
AGENDA**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**IV. ADMINISTRATION**

- a. Approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting
- b. Approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 regular meeting

**V. COMMITTEE/STAFF UPDATES**

- a. Budget Committee Update
  - i. Finance update – Nori Grudin
- b. Communications Committee Update
  - i. Social Media update – Michelle Rakowsky & Marc Alan
- c. Infrastructure Committee Update
  - i. Committee Report – Brian Kaspr

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- i. Proposal for Lighting the Art of MLK Installations – Steven Rust

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- i. MLK Phase II – Janet Evelyn & Julio Pardo
  - 1. MLK Student Art project discussion and potential action on approval.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**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](#)

Telesco Secretarial Services

**City of Norwalk  
Arts Commission  
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December 7, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Alan, Nori Grudin, Janet Evelyn, Melissa Metuska, Steve Rust, Brian Kaspr

**STAFF:** Sabrina Church

**OTHER:** 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 November 9, 2021 regular meeting.

**\*\*\*\*Mr. Kaspr moved to approve the minutes with a name change in section 3.**

**\*\*\*\*Mr. Rust seconded the motion.**

**\*\*\*\*The motion didn't have enough votes to pass, as Ms. Grudin and Ms. Evelyn abstained. The minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.**

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## **V. COMMITTEE/STAFF UPDATES**

### **a. Budget Committee Update**

#### **i. Finance update – Nori Grudin**

There is a balance of \$9,933.81 remaining in the budget. The only expense was Ms. Rakowsky's fees. Ms. Grudin explained that the operating budget is usually around \$12,000 per year, with special funding coming in from different sources for specific items which are listed separately in the Capital Account.

### **b. Communications Committee Update**

#### **i. Social Media update – Michelle Rakowsky & Marc Alan**

Mr. Alan reactivated the Male Chimp account and sent out an email before Thanksgiving concerning upcoming arts events. Mr. Alan will send another email before Christmas.

Ms. Rakowsky is continuing to handle social media.

### **c. Infrastructure Committee Update**

#### **i. Underpass Update - Brian Kaspr**

Mr. Kaspr reported on a recent meeting concerning the Traffic Graphic community based project and what to do with the \$25,000 additional budget. The goal is to have art on all the underpasses. He would like to use the additional funding to create a mural in the underpass near the train station. There are two other underpass spaces that are next on the list. Funding will be requested.

There was discussion if the artist would be commissioned or bids by local artists would be necessary.

All projects should include lighting and this needs to be budgeted in.

There will be additional funding to maintain current and future artwork.



In a discussion of The Vines, Mr. Alan discussed the precedent in decommissioning public art and that standards should be put in place. All agreed that this artwork needs to be cleaned up and maintained.

Mr. Kaspr will put together a proposal for this project and will present it at the next meeting.

#### **i. MLK update – Janet Evelyn & Julio Pardo**

Mr. Pardo reported the painting on the pumping station is complete and the opening was a success.

On the stairs, the weather has affected the painting process. The hope is that by December 15 all of the lines are done and in the spring a sealant will be added.

The student projects need budgets finalized so there is nothing to vote on at this time.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

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There is no vote at this time as budgets need to be reevaluated.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\*\*\*Ms. Matuska moved to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

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Respectfully submitted,

[Amy Chaple](#)

Telesco Secretarial Services

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Norwalk Arts Commission FY 2021-22

Printing & Duplication

Account # 01-14-50-5221

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1-Jul	Beginning Balance			\$ 1,500.00
14-Jul	Gway	\$ 370.00		\$ 1,130.00
9-Nov	Transfer to #5329	\$ 250.00		\$ 880.00
				\$ 880.00



Norwalk Arts Commission FY 2021-22

Advertising

Account # 01-14-50-5237

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1-Jul	Beginning Balance			\$ 1,500.00
				\$ 1,500.00
				\$ 1,500.00

**Norwalk Arts Commission FY 2021-22**

**Other Professional Services**

**Account # 01-14-50-5258**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
1-Jul	Beginning Balance			\$ 7,800.00
4-Aug	PC July - Nice Festival	\$ 333.33		\$ 7,466.67
9-Aug	Michelle Rakowsky	\$ 500.00		\$ 6,966.67
9-Aug	mad Lab, LLC	\$ 200.00		\$ 6,766.67
8-Sep	Michelle Rakowsky	\$ 500.00		\$ 6,266.67
8-Oct	Michelle Rakowsky	\$ 625.00		\$ 5,641.67
9-Nov	Michelle Rakowsky	\$ 500.00		\$ 5,141.67
29-Nov	Michelle Rakowsky	\$ 500.00		\$ 4,641.67
7-Jan	Michelle Rakowsky	\$ 625.00		\$ 4,016.67



**Norwalk Arts Commission**

**Budget Summary**

<b>Dept</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Original Balance</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Transfer In</b>	<b>Transfer Out</b>	<b>Balance</b>
011450	5221	Printing & Duplicating	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (370.00)	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	\$ 880.00
	5225	Secretarial Services (PO for Telesco Secretarial Services)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
	5237	Advertising	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
	5258	Other Professional Services	\$ 7,800.00	\$ (3,783.33)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,016.67
	5286	Business Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (457.86)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,042.14
	5329	Other Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	\$ 250.00		\$ -



**Business Development & Tourism****MLK BLVD ART FY 2020-21****09-21-1450-5777 PROJECT C0792**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
1-Jul	Beginning Balance			\$ 50,000.00
10-Feb	Julio Pardo Creative - PO (Bal of \$750)	\$ 10,500.00		\$ 39,500.00
24-Feb	Julio Pardo Creative - 1st payment	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 39,500.00
14-Sep	Julio Pardo Creative - 2nd payment	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 39,500.00
29-Oct	Lauren Clayton Sarsoza - PO	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 39,500.00
4-Nov	Lauren C. Sarsoza - 1st Payment	\$ 13,250.00		\$ 26,250.00
6-Jan	Lauren C. Sarsoza - 2nd Payment	\$ 13,250.00		\$ 13,000.00

**Business Development & Tourism**

**Art In Public Spaces Program**

**0922-3760-5777-C0804**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
1-Jul	Beginning Balance			\$ 25,000.00
				\$ 25,000.00
				\$ 25,000.00