

**City of Norwalk
Arts Commission
Regular Meeting
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

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

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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