



CITY OF NORWALK  
**Norwalk Art Commission**  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Hebert, Presided as Chairman  
Chris Bradley  
Dennis Bradbury  
Becky Christopherson

Absent:: Emil Albanese  
Jeff Price  
Susan Wallerstein

OTHERS: Susan Brown  
Maribeth Becker

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Hebert called the meeting to order at 8:35AM

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

MS. Becker updated the Norwalk Arts Commission on what is going on with Norwalk 2.0 and the pop up space on Wall Street and said that every Monday they will be hosting a creative economy night for entrepreneurs who want to network with each other. She also said that there is a new exhibit being installed today and will open on Thursday called Abstract Narratives. She pointed out an error in the previous minutes regarding the Norwalk 2.0 emails should be [www.norwalk2.org](http://www.norwalk2.org) and that people should be directed to their website to find out what is going on. She also repeated her issue on the new procedure with only being able to speak during the Public Comment section of the agenda.

**BUSINESS**

1. **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NORWALK ARTS COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 14 , 2013**

**\*\*MS. CHRISTOPHERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH THE  
CORRECTIONS FROM MS. BECKER  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **2. NORWALK ARTS FESTIVAL (JUNE 29-30, MATTHEWS PARK)**

Ms. Brown spoke about the Norwalk Arts Festival and presented the Norwalk Arts Commission with a five minute video of the art that will be displayed and distributed festival materials for distribution. Ms. Massey asked if there will be any shuttle service for the festival. Ms. Brown said she has not planned to have shuttles as of yet because this is the first year for the festival and does not know what to expect, and that since the YMCA is no longer operational there will be additional parking available. Ms. Hebert requested that Ms. Brown send her the link to the video to assist with marketing and public relations. Ms. Brown said that her goal is continue to make and be part of Norwalk as a Major Cultural and Artistic Hub.

## **3. CALF PASTURE BEACH PROJECT**

Ms. Hebert said that Ms. Wirth was able to secure enough donations to complete the mural at the beach. She said that it is anticipated that the mural will be complete around July 13, 2013, but that Mr. Moccaie, Director Parks and Recreation wants to wait to have an opening reception later on in the summer. There is still additional funding needed and that there is still time to donate to the project and indiegogo is still open online for donations. Ms. Christopherson requested that she be informed as to when the opening reception will be held so that she can ensure that the indiegogo awards get honored.

## **4. CITY HALL WPA MURAL PROJECT**

Ms. Massey presented the status of the project and said that she has met with city staff regarding the security and are now focusing on the details of the portal and inventory and that this will be used to request funding through the city's capital budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. Ms. Christopherson suggested that Ms. Massey contact Ms. Pyleski regarding writing a grant for the project.

## **5. CONCERT HALL**

Ms. Hebert said that she will be the Norwalk Arts Commission liaison and that there is currently approximately \$80,000 in the city's capital budget for lighting improvements.

## **6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Hebert reported that the fiscal year 2013 is coming to an end and that it would be best to spend all the available funds. She said that there is \$2,690 available and that \$2,000 is approved and or allocated for city hall WPA mural project. She requested that Ms. Massey send an invoice and said that \$500 is approved for the brochure party. She said that any will be carried over into the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and that next year's budget is \$7,153.

## **7. MARKETING REPORT**

Ms. Christopherson said that there will be a brochure party held on June 20, 2013, at the main library at 5:30PM and that approximate 40 people have RSVP so far. She discussed the funding request for the brochure program and the advertising program which totals \$3,525 and said that it includes two updates for the brochure. Ms. Hebert said that the Norwalk Arts Commission only has \$7,153 and that the Norwalk Arts Commission has committed to the two galleries and the WPA mural program which is estimated at \$6,000 for fiscal year 2014, and that this includes a reduced number of gallery openings. Ms. Christopherson said that while she understands that the Norwalk Arts Commission is committed to those projects, she also feels the Norwalk Arts Commission has committed the brochure project which actually represents the arts and culture in Norwalk, and said that the Norwalk Arts Commission should promote all of them and that the other projects are visual arts period and that there are a lot of other arts and culture in Norwalk that need to be promoted. Ms. Bradley suggested that maybe do one brochure update and some advertising. After further discussion the Norwalk Arts Commission agreed that they will have to table the request until the next meeting in July.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Bradley said that on Thursday the President of the Library Board will be presenting to the board relocating the paintings of the historic time in the Norwalk Harbor to the history room downstairs at the main library and put the new WPA murals there. Ms. Massey asked if this will be permanent. Ms. Bradley said "no" and that it will be for one year and would then like to have the space used for rotating artist's exhibits. Ms. Bradley said that the library is organizing a Norwalk History Week of September 16, 2013.

Ms. Hebert said that the Maritime Garage gallery exhibit opening is on Thursday, June 13, 2013, from 5:00PM -7:00 PM and that the Mayor's Gallery exhibit opening is on June 26, from 3:30PM-4:30PM.

Ms. Bradury asked about Jahamane curating the traffic graphic program. Ms. Hebert said that there are little funds available in next year's budget. Ms. Bradley offered to present this to the Library Board for funding since the traffic graphic program is themed with book related themes.

**9. ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED HEREIN**

Ms. Bradley requested that the Norwalk Arts Commission lend its support through a motion to the Norwalk Historical Society that will be forwarded to the Common Council when they vote on the Norwalk Historical Society to be stewards of the City's Historic Artifacts.

**APPROVE THE NORWALK ARTS COMMISSION SUPPORT THE NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO BE STEWARDS OF THE CITY OF NORWALK 'S HISTORIC ARTIFACTS.**

**\*\* MS. BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. NEXT MEETING: JULY 10 , 2013, NORWALK CITY HALL, ROOM 101**

**11. ADJOURMENT**

**\*\* MR. CHRISTOPHERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dilene Byrd