



**CONNECTING THE ARTS WITH THE COMMUNITY**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:30 AM**

**Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Ave. Room 101**

**MINUTES**

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**Present:** Susan Wallerstein, Nori Grudin, Tony Velez, Lynn Massey  
**Absent:** Jeff Price, Chris Bradley, Diane Jellerette, Becki Christopherson, Kathryn Hebert (note: NAC meeting conflicted with Chamber legislative breakfast)

**Guests:** Julyen Norman, Steve Rust

The chairman called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. Guest, Steve Rust introduced himself as someone interested in supporting the work of the Arts Commission pro bono given the kinds of activities he's observed and his professional background in theater and lighting. Steve lives in E. Norwalk, his consulting business is based in South Norwalk, and he's currently working with Globe Theater project on Wall St. Given small attendance there was time for extended informal discussion with Steve before he had to leave. Susan offered to facilitate a meeting with Bill Collins, Chair of the SoNo Task Force, and others about ideas discussed previously during walking tour last fall which could be a good fit for Steve's skills and interests.

New Business

1. Review and approve minutes from March & April meetings **DEFERRED to JUNE**
2. Review and approve financial reports (operating, capital, NEA) **REVIEWED and DISCUSSED, no action**
3. The chairman updated the group on her activities including 20 West student docent program.

Updates

1. Mayor's Gallery Update & Next Steps - Tony Velez reported on progress toward selection of a curator.
2. Norwalk Public Schools art show and Sloan Gallery group – Susan reported on recruitment of curators to assist superintendent with selection of award winners.
3. Norwalk Arts Festival concept proposal – Becki Christopherson **DEFERRED**
4. Social Media update – Nori Grudin provided an update about the Facebook page she created and Instagram

New Business

1. Celebration & Recognition - Chair recommended postponing this given short time frame and light attendance.
2. Community Room & Room 101 Corridors **DEFERRED**
3. June 13<sup>th</sup> CT Open House Day – **DEFERRED**
4. Reflections Proposal – In Jeff Price's absence this item was **DEFERRED**. Those present respectfully accepted an apology from Tony Velez for having momentarily lost his temper at a prior meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM**