



CONNECTING THE ARTS WITH THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 8:30 AM

Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Ave. Room 101

MINUTES

Present: Nori Grudin, Kathryn Hebert, Chris Bradley, Lynn Massey, Melissa Slattery, Diane Jellerette, Julyen Norman, Susan Wallerstein.

Chair, Susan Wallerstein, called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM

Business

1. Review and approve July minutes (DEFERRED PENDING QUORUM)
2. Review and approve financial reports (operating, capital, NEA) – The chairman reviewed the status of budgets.

Updates

1. Mayor's Gallery Update – Melissa Slattery provided an update on the 1st installation and reminded members of the Commission about the upcoming reception. She also provided additional detail about the inventory and rehang efforts (Rooms 101, 231, 3rd floor) completed during the summer in conjunction with the Board of Education. The chairman sought and received endorsement for the idea of writing another op ed piece.
2. Branding and Wayfinding group updates (Redevelopment, Economic Dev't.) – Diane Jellerette, Becki Christopherson, Julyen Norman (DEFERRED TO OCTOBER)
3. Social Media update – Nori Grudin encouraged members to post/share/link more often. Those in attendance discussed additional ideas for a public art contest with prizes, traveling LEGO figures, possible involvement of student intern, etc. Nori will prepare a written concept and budget for an upcoming meeting.
4. WPA mural signage (basic & supplemental) – Susan Wallerstein described supplemental explanatory signage plans for the WPA murals ("Steamboat Days" completed; Avison sports figures and "Purchase of Norwalk" pending). Melissa Slattery presented several options for the design of new WPA murals signs. Commission members weighed in with their preferences and opinions in terms of amount of content, titles, etc. Melissa will provide another sample in October.

New Business

1. Norwalk Public Library Poet Laureate Proposal was unanimously endorsed by those present.
2. Consultant Julyen Norman presented a proposal for him to update and maintain the inventory he created this year. There was consensus to support this work at \$30/hour with an estimate not to exceed \$1000 for quarterly updates.
3. Susan Wallerstein reported that plans are in place to host screening of WPA art program documentary at NCC on May 5th. This is a collaborative effort involving NCC Film and Art programs, Westport and Norwalk Historical Societies, and the filmmakers. <https://vimeo.com/120514423>
4. Discussion about the idea of authorizing the Norwalk Education Foundation to sell one set of duplicate McKinnickinnick prints was deferred pending further discussion and amendment/modification to the DRAFT public art policy. Lynn suggested the Commission consider hosting an event/exhibit about these prints.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 AM

October 13, 2015 – Business meeting @
Norwalk Museum

January 12, 2016 – Business meeting

April 12, 2016 – Business meeting

November 10, 2015 – Business meeting

February 9, 2016 – Business meeting

May 10, 2016 – Business meeting

December 8, 2015 – Business meeting

March 8, 2016 – Business meeting

June 14, 2016 – Business meeting