

Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting

February 5, 2024

Attendees: M. Cajigas, A. Crutchfield, I. Gardin, K. Flores, K. Wuzzardo

Absent: R. Immer, F. Vignola

Staff: A. Jefferson, K. Futrell, T. Rich

Guest: Myles Riley

4:36 pm meeting called to order by A. Jefferson

Introductions of Alder Flores and departmental assistant M. Riley

I. Minutes

Minutes to be revisited in December meeting.

II. Directors Report

The Commission is currently without a chair however this meeting will serve as the annual meeting per our bylaws. A. Jefferson discussed commission roles and positions.

- The Chair responsibilities include calling the meeting to order. discussing business on the agenda; state and put out to vote all questions that need to be reviewed; manage meetings; appoint all members to standing committees; maintain records. terms of the appointments of commissioners, and notify individual commissioners too much prior to expiration of their term; and declaring the meeting adjourned.
- The Vice Chair assumes the Chairship in case of absence or incapacity of the Chair.

M. Cajigas agreed to consider role of commission chair. The other positions and committees would be revisited in the next meeting.

Members discussed opportunities to support the department in its programs and services including arts advocacy, fundraising and marketing. Cultural tourism was also discussed.

The department will be hosting Elm City Flow a series of community spoken word events in city hall with New Haven's Poet Laureate, Sharmont 'Influence' Little.

The department will be overseeing the Canal Dock Boathouse and is looking forward to continuing work with current tenants and the possibility of additional programming options. Long Wharf Theatre is currently in temporary residence and featuring *Views from the Bridge*

Recent ARPA offerings have closed and under panel review for funding allocations.

Neighborhood Cultural Vitality Grant is currently accepting applications online through Friday, February 16. The department has \$92,000 in support of the 2024/2025 funding cycle.

The department is collaborating with Yale Climate Study and Yale School of Art on the 2024 mural using cooling paints. A mural registry and apprentice program is also under development as part of the project.

III. Old Business

None discussed.

IV. New Business

Officers – to be revisited in next meeting

Committees - to be revisited in next meeting

V. Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 4 2023 AT 4:30PM