

## **Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting**

### **April 1, 2024**

**Attendees:** M. Caijgas, A. Crutchfield, I. Gardin, K. Flores, F. Vignola, K. Wuzzardo

**Absent:** R. Immer

**Staff:** A. Jefferson, K. Futrell

Meeting called to order at 4:40pm by M Caijgas.

#### **I. Minutes**

M Caijgas. K. Wuzzardo motioned to approve minutes. Seconded by I. Gardin.

#### **II. Directors Report**

ARPA -Working with NBC CT through ARPA marketing grant which will feature a series segments that highlights New Haven cultural tourism in an equitable way.

City Hall Activation - The inaugural Elm City Flow and induction of the Poet Laureate in City Hall was very well received. Future events coordinated may include musical and other performances.

Membership - M Caijgas will reach out to potential commissioners for a brief meet and greet. A Crutchfield, I Gardin and K Wuzzardo volunteered to assist.

Events - Members discussed upcoming events presented by Tlaxcala the weekend of April 19. Staff and commissioners have been working with organizers and will have a presence during the weekend.

Sponsorship packets for Black Wall Street have been distributed. The goal is to raise \$100,000.

The Breed's Playlist event in partnership with DACT at the Canal Dock Boathouse was well attended.

Canal Dock Boathouse -The department has been tasked with Canal Dock Boathouse event oversight. Staff will be evaluating current booking systems and structures recognizing the need for revenue generating activities. Members discussed concerns about venue use affordability and its impact on access. Additionally discussed potential methods of alleviating cost constraints for interested parties. K Wuzzardo suggested hosting space use informational sessions for the public in the future.

#### **III. Old Business**

None discussed.

#### **IV. New Business**

None discussed.

#### **V. Public Comment**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm. Motioned by I Gardin. seconded by K Wuzzardo.

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 AT 4:30PM**