

Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting October 7, 2024

Attendees: M. Cajigas, A. Crutchfield, K. Flores, I. Gardin, N. Gilson, R. Moore

Absent: M. Monk Flake, M. Loter, K. Wuzzardo

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

Meeting called to order at 4:43pm by M. Cajigas.

I. Minutes

M. Cajigas called for a motion to approve the September minutes. I. Gardin motioned to approve minutes. Seconded by R. Moore. Minutes unanimously approved.

II. Directors Report

Staff Reports

A. Jefferson

Creative U Summit – presented in partnership with CT Office of the Arts. The Arts & Entertainment Career & Fair Day will be held at the Boathouse. The event guest speaker is Pretty Dee. Currently over 120 people registered and 20 recruiters will be in attendance. The evening event includes career fair swag bag with QR codes to guide people to New Haven's attributes. Summit Saturday at SCSU with 3 different tracks, our office conducting Workforce track. Those attending can forward name to Adriane. 9:30am Opening statement/10:00am

Studio Haven - Stage and Style Fashion Show is scheduled for October 14 at 7pm with CT Fashion Week with 5 designers and pop up merchandise. The organizer Travis Bivens is looking to do more New Haven partnerships with local organizations, students. Staff has created a draft calendar of upcoming events for Studio Haven:

- November- Young men of color discussing the history of oysters. exhibit of Oystering in New Haven.
- December- Exhibit of I Love New Haven and Winter wonderland in NHSO
- January 2025- Film screening
- February 2025- New Haven renaissance jazz musician, feature on sports, or culture
- March- local Olympic series in partnership with Board of Alders

Tiffany Williams has been providing administrative support for the next three months through Workforce Alliance.

Public Art – K. Futrell updated on the completion of Mural at the armory in partnership with Yale Planetary Solutions, the Yale Schools of Art, Environment, and Architecture. A formal press conference on site is scheduled for October 22 at 1pm.

Film – no major updates

Tree Lighting – December 5 at around 5/5:30pm. The lighting of the tree will occur close to 7:30pm. Media sponsorship proposals have been submitted.

ARPA – T. Rich discussed the conclusion of the ARPA grant funding distribution.

Other - A. Jefferson discussed recent visit to the Legacy Museum. Members discussed future visit to the Lost New Haven Museum.

III. Old Business

Future meetings - Cityseed will host the November meeting at 5pm.

IV. New Business

None discussed

V. Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 5:00 PM at Cityseed