

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: January 4, 2022 (Due to New Years Day)

Attendees: P. Dunn, A Norcott, R Immer

Staff: A. Jefferson, K. Futrell

I. Call to Order

4:39pm

II. Minutes

Minutes- Will revisit minutes until a quorum

III. Directors Report

A. Jefferson discussed departmental plans for 2022:

Cultural Equity Plan – Staff has confirmed board of alder approval was not required prior to formal plan release. The plan will go live online and launch 11am on January 13 outside the Q-House. 1000 hard copies and bookmarks have been printed, additionally available online. Distribution will include New Haven branch libraries plus over 100 non-profit and community service organizations. P Dunn will speak on behalf of the CAC at the event. The plan will be workshopped throughout the city during the year to get ongoing feedback.

P. Dunn suggested commission members could do something to help support the CEP by promoting on their websites. Pledges should place on their websites. A. Jefferson requests members forward lists they may have. Co-Creation Team and CAC can host some of the plan meetings

Arts for Anti-Racism: January 19 will host GARE - members. A. Jefferson sits on core equity team within city. GARE provides the city tools for furthering workplace equity.

Internships: A couple departmental internships for marketing/social media and arts for anti-racism are open and staff is currently interviewing. The internships are supported through NHFI.

Grants Received: \$100k Workplace Initiative in collab from the Arts Council and continue 6-week free Entrepreneurship Decoded training program. \$118k from Cultural Fund, \$10k Tremaine for CEP marketing

ARP: grant funding may potentially reopen in the Spring with additional funds if available

Public Art: continuing to update data on the national publicartarchive.org. This year the department in collaboration with NuSpiral will unveil 2-3 murals in city underpass locations.

Increase promotion of current programming like film, neighborhood cultural vitality

Internship program outside of the workforce program. Building a foundation with more local organizations

A. Jefferson discussed developing an events team to support staff, perhaps stipend based to support departmental/city activities

IV. Old Business

P. Dunn - would like the CAC to have a brief discussion at the end of the meetings about

Still have some openings for the commission reflective of the different ways arts are supported in the city. P. Dunn Public Art fund. P. Dunn & A. Jefferson to work on the increasing the amount of funding that could be available to maintain ace. Establishing a fund. Potentially raising capital that could residents/business that have public art on their property could request assistance.

V. New Business

A. Norcott shared New Haven Sister Cities 45th Anniversary event at Albertus Magnus scheduled for April 7, 2022 NHSC

Adjourned 5:07pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 4:30 P.M.