

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Enfield Town Hall, Scitico Room 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Donna Hamre, Joshua Hamre, Emily Clifford, Jason Neeley, Nzima Hutchings
Via TEAMS: Joyce Bolanos, Steph MacGillivray

Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

Emily motioned to accept minutes from prior meeting, Steph 2nd

Chairperson's remarks

No remarks

Treasurer's Report

We have \$8083.66 in our account currently.

Staff Liaison's Remarks

Check for Rise Up CT went out for 2 different concepts. Jason spoke with Matt Conway and is awaiting a phone call for next steps on the mural project.

The Art Kits are being prepared for rollout out during the first week of April.

Chris Tetreault has a semi-permanent art exhibit at the Pearl St Library. ECAC can take photos of exhibit and share on Facebook page.

The EPS English Department will be holding a "Poetry in Enfield" event.

Board of Education Liaison Remarks

There has not been a BOE meeting since the last ECAC meeting. Josh has been on the look out for artists exhibit and mural options. Looking along Route 5 at vacant auto repair shops as potential locations.

Josh commends ECAC for the positive transition to our new board.

ECAC will be scheduled to present to a BOE board meeting in February. The next scheduled meeting is on February 7th. Josh will confirm the date for the presentation.

Old Business

ECAC would like to be apart of the murals design process. We will go to the Enfield Historical Society to look for historical symbols for the graphics. Matt Conway is the representative for Rise Up CT and can reach out to the artist.

Nzima will reach out to the organizers of the African American Research Project.

Steph will measure the areas of interest for the Town Hall Gallery Art Installation.

ECAC members will attend the Performer Showcase Series on Feb 16th in Manchester. Steph will share the event details for time and location.

Nzima shared that she is pricing t-shirts through Custom Inks. The price range will be \$13-\$25 per shirt, 2 colors with our logo in the middle of the shirt. Pricing depends on the total shirts ordered. We discussed ordering extra shirts to hand out for contests and for volunteers to wear at events. We will vote next month on the budget.

New Business

Joyce shared that she had seen a group of young people at Sarapes playing instruments (electric guitars, saxophones, drums) and spoke about the need for a venue to support the 16-20's age group. We discussed ideas to enhance the Winter Farmers Market at the Square. The need for a maker's space in Enfield. Jason suggested the Pearl Street Library Community room as well as the Central Library community and will check the schedule for availability to begin in March. Holding the event at the library would be a good opportunity to promote the Musical instrument lending library. ECAC can market the program through paid ads. The event could feature an open mic night event. Planning would be targeted towards youth initially then can be expanded. ECAC can provide coffee and refreshments. Steph will work on the press release. We will table the budget spending vote for our February meeting.

Josh shared that he had spoken to a patron at Loaves and Fishes about Enfield having an Athlete Hall of Fame and the opportunity for Enfield to have an Arts acknowledgement. We discussed the idea of an Alumni Art Show to celebrate the artists who started in Enfield such as musical artists Olivia Gaines, Sage King, and Cassandra Kubinski. We discussed the murals, a possibility of an Art Gala, showcase, silent auction and art for sale.

We discussed having a planning meeting to pull out a calendar to schedule ECAC events. The planning meeting will help us to map out the amount of work, list tasks, create a road map. This will be the focus of our regular February meeting. We will discuss the creation of a subcommittee to work on an artist Café and create a local artist list. The list can be created and shared on the google drive as an active document.

Steph will create the Poet Laureate press release. Jason will share the application information and confirmed that current ECAC board members can apply and will recuse themselves from the voting process. Elizabeth's term ends 6/30/23. Steph will draft the press release for review at our February meeting.

Poetry in Enfield event will be held January 26th at 6pm in the JFK auditorium.

Donna shared that the PFLAG Enfield will be holding an Enfield Pride Festival on the Town Green on June 3rd. ECAC discussed sponsoring a musical performance in the Band Shell, Donna will share more information at the February meeting.

Mark Rappucci will be working in collaboration between the Enfield Public Schools and the band shell. They are bringing back a Summer Music program.

Nzima spoke about community writing events and it was shared that there is a writer's group that meets at the library.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Town Hall | Scitico Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Hamre | Secretary