

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Enfield Town Hall, Scitico Room 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Donna Hamre, Joshua Hamre, Emily Clifford, Jason Neeley, Nzima Hutchings, Steph MacGillivray, John Santanella
Not Present: Joyce Bolanos

Staff Liaison's Remarks

John spoke about ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and the desire to find a way to use some of that money to go directly to the community. We discussed the types of events that we could do. We will plan a special meeting to discuss events prior to our next scheduled meeting.

We discussed the Open Mic event at the Middle Road library. ECAC will host the event once a month for 1 year with a facilitator. Steph motioned, Emily accepted, all voted in favor.

Jason explained that sustainable CT will match funds for the mural project. We will need \$20,000 to do the 2 murals. ECAC can spend \$2,000. The remaining funds will need to be from community organizations. It was explained that there is opposition to the mural due to concern over the content of the mural as well as the concern for graffiti. ECAC will prepare a presentation to explain the mural concepts at a future Town Council meeting.

Steph and Emily will contact Lori Unghire to discuss her liaison vote for the budget and her position on the murals to find out her apprehensions and concerns.

During the next meeting we will be discussing the Public Art Installations.

Chairperson's Remarks

The goal of the meeting was to come up with a plan to prioritize what we want to do. What is our long-term goal? Steph was the facilitator for the workshop.

Activity:

Why are we doing these projects?

What is 6-month goal?

What is 1 year goal?

What is 5-year goal?

What questions do we want to answer?

In the future if we failed, what caused the failure?

We discussed the long-term goal "Enriching, Integrating and Inspiring arts and culture in Enfield"

What is moving us forward?
What is holding us down? what is our anchor?

Our action items:

Not take too much on

Website

Take ownership for ideas

Find a location for 20-50 people

Fill in a blank calendar with event ideas

Begin Planning

Create a list of events in a pamphlet

Create a list of priorities

Have signature events

Steph will gather all of the post-its selected for the activities and organize them for future use.

We will begin a blank calendar to plan events during our March meeting

Steph confirmed that ECAC is tasked with identifying and booking musical acts for the band shell. Steph and Nzima will be going to the Music Showcase on Thursday, February 16th.

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Hamre | Secretary