

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

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

Present

In person - Jason Neely, Emily Clifford, Nzima Hutchings, Joyce Bolanos, John Santanella, Lori Unghire, Lauren Urena from Enfield Produce and Deli

Virtually – Steph MacGillivray

Old Business

Jack-o-Lantern Festival

ECAC's participation in the Jack-o-Lantern festival was a great success. The inclusive candy was very well received. Community members gave great feedback during event.

New Business

Enfield Produce and Deli Mural Project

The Enfield Culture and Arts Commission welcomed Lauren Urena from Enfield Produce and Deli to discuss plans to possibly partner on a mural project in the Town of Enfield. Enfield Produce and Deli held initial talks with Rise Up, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing public art to Connecticut cities and towns. There is a strong desire within Town leadership to add murals to Enfield.

The commission expressed their desire to ensure that mural projects are done by Enfield artists, with Enfield as the focus. The commission will work on building a list of local artists and will check start with the local high school arts program. There was also a question as to whether the Town could help with funding mural projects if needed. Steph, who recently joined the Town Manager's Office as a part time employee, volunteered to check with the Town Manager. She will keep members in the loop.

Enfield Produce and Deli are still in the early stages of discussions with Rise Up, so nothing is set in stone.

Summer Concert Series

The Town Manager's Office has asked the commission to be involved in the Summer Concert Series, which will kick off in 2023. The concert series will be held on the new bandstand being built on the Town Green.

There was discussion about the group around finding music groups. The commission and/or summer concert committee will focus on finding established music groups to perform on the main stage. Steph will be involved in the project from the Town of Enfield side.

Torchlight Parade

Enfield Pride group will be in the Torchlight Parade, taking place on Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. Connections with the Fire Department have been made. The commission decided to set up at the end of the parade. Steph will give remarks on behalf of the ECAC and introduce the caroling. Commission will check in Enfield Poet Laureate about reading a poem.

Festival of Trees

The annual “Festival of Trees” will take place on Thursday, December 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Enfield Public Library’s main branch. The commission will participate with a tree and meet to set up before the 15th

Next Event: Torchlight Parade | Sunday, December 4, 2022 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Town Green

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Town Hall | Scitico Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Steph MacGillivray | Co-Chair