

**CITY OF NORWALK
ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board: Chairman Marc Alan, Brian Kaspr, Nori Grudin, Melissa Matuska, Janet Evelyn, Elizabeth Tardif, Bob Abriola (6:33)

Staff: Kyle Benjamin

Other: Donna Schlegel

Chairman Alan called the meeting to order at 6:03. A quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Approve the minutes of the 4/5/22 meeting

****** Mr. Kaspr moved to approve the minutes of the 4/5/22 meeting.**

****** Ms. Evelyn seconded the motion.**

****** The motion passed with Ms. Tardif abstaining.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A) Approve the display and acceptance of the Norwalk Harbor Splash! Dragon Boat Trophy in the Norwalk City Hall Community Room or any other location deemed appropriate by the commission.

Ms. Matuska gave some background on the trophy. This was found when the Community Room in Town Hall was being remodeled. It belongs to the South Norwalk Business Association and needs a place to go.

Ms. Schlegel explained that in 2019 a site to put this trophy was being researched, but was put on hold due to Covid. It is currently in Ms. Schlegel's office in the Health Department.

Chairman Alan explained that before the Arts Commission finds a place to house this trophy, it needs to be officially gifted to the Norwalk Public Art Collection. At that point, the commission can take responsibility for its care and maintenance.

Ms. Schlegel offered to provide more background information on the history and significance of the Dragon boats if anyone is interested.

***** Mr. Kaspr moved to table this item for future discussion.**

***** Ms. Tardif seconded the motion.**

***** The motion passed unanimously.**

V. COMMITTEE STAFF UPDATES

A) Budget Committee Update

Finance Update - Nori Grudin

Ms. Grudin gave an update on the finances of the commission. There is a budget of about \$2,000 to create a Mayor's Gallery. She is waiting for final numbers from Sabrina Church.

B) Communications Committee Update

Social Media Update - Marc Alan

Chairman Alan reported that the social media effort is moving forward with daily posts.

C) Infrastructure Committee Update

Committee Report - Brian Kaspr

1) Art in Public Places RFQ and proposal Update

Mr. Kaspr gave an update on the results of the call for applications for proposals. There was a total of 97 applications received. Mr. Kaspr is really pleased with the quality and quantity of responses received. Because of this, Mr. Kaspr would like to increase the number of accepted proposals from three to five. This would raise the budget needed.

The next steps are to narrow the applications down to three or five finalists, and have the commission vote on the best one. The winning artist will then provide all of the necessary details.

2. MLK Lighting Project Update

Chairman Alan explained that the lights that were chosen were tested and approved, so the additional lights needed have been ordered. There are very minimal electric costs that will be absorbed by the city.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Abriola told the commission about a mural he is working on that will be introduced as a new business item next month.

***** Ms. Tardif moved to add the mural to the agenda next month.**

***** Mr. Kaspr seconded the motion.**

*****The motion passed unanimously.**

As this is new business introduced during Old Business on the agenda, a vote was taken to go out of order of the original agenda.

*****.Mr. Kaspr moved to vote on this out of order.**

***** Ms. Tardif seconded the motion.**

***** The motion passed unanimously.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

*****Mr. Kaspr moved to adjourn the meeting.**

*****Mr. Grudin seconded the motion.**

*****The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Chaple
Telesco Secretarial Services

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