

West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting Agenda
April 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM

I. Meeting Opening

- Call to Order: 6:33 PM
- Roll Call: Karen Bachman, Matthew Bragg, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Ginny Kemp, Mirela Panaitisor, Sue Rothenberg
-Absence Excused: Javier Colon, Carol McCabe
- Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Karen made motion to approve the minutes, and Ginny seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved 7-0.

II. Public Comment: no public comment.

III. Old Business

- WHy West Hartford Arts & Culture Calendar: Chamber of Commerce controls this calendar. WH Arts Collaborative members were sent form for artists/groups to complete with calendar events. Completed form goes to Chuck for review, who sends to Renee McCue to post. Calendar not limited to non-profit performances /shows.
- Places & Spaces for Local Artists – “What’s Up WeHa”: Latanya is partnering with Blue Back Square for 5/25 6-8 PM event. She sent 2 mailings to those in previously-created artist bank soliciting interest in event and received positive responses from variety of performers/artists. Latanya next having Ronnie Newton post about event in we-ha.com to promote performer interest and public attendance. Group discussed how to involve local businesses in this & future events. Chuck, Ginny & Latanya to meet to generate actionable ideas on this.
- Mission Statement Discussion: Group decided they would craft a “Vision Statement” for WHAC and, reviewing 5 potential statements submitted by members, jointly created the following statement: “The West Hartford Arts Commission seeks to enrich our community by discovering places and spaces for local artists to share and showcase their work, while fostering connections among residents, businesses, and the arts.” WHAC to vote on this Vision Statement in next meeting.
- West Hartford Center Infrastructure Master Plan & West Hartford Wayfinding Signage Plan: WHAC previously provided input to town. Next step is for town to hire person to implement: no updates.

IV. Adjournment: Mirela made motion to adjourn, and Karen seconded the motion. Adjournment was unanimously approved at 7:37 PM.