

West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting Agenda
May 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM

I. Meeting Opening

- Call to Order: 6:35 PM
- Roll Call: Matthew Bragg, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell,
Ginny Kemp, Carol McCabe, Mirela Panaitisor, Sue Rothenberg
-Absence Excused: Karen Bachman, Javier Colon
- Approval of April Meeting Minutes: Matt made motion to approve the minutes, and Mirela 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: Chuck has received several submissions, which have been passed onto Renee McCue to post to calendar.
- Places & Spaces for Local Artists: Ginny, Chuck & Latanya met to review ideas to encourage businesses to promote art/performance events. Discussed promoting “Artify West Hartford” idea: shifting the message shift to businesses from “help an artist” to “artify your space/business”. Members were asked to check around town for potential art or event spaces.
- “What’s Up WeHa”: Latanya confirmed 5/25 6-8 PM event at Blue Black Square. 9 Tables reserved for artists and time slots for 9 acts/performers. Attending commissions members were asked to arrive 4:45 to introduce ourselves to artists and audience.
- Vision Statement Vote: Members reviewed and voted on the following Vision Statement for the Commission: “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.” Latanya made motion to approve this Vision Statement, and Sue seconded the motion. The Vision Statement was unanimously approved 7-0.
- West Hartford Center Infrastructure Master Plan & West Hartford Wayfinding Signage Plan: Chuck indicated he asked economic development coordinator Kristen Gorski on status of the plan, and Kristen advised the plan is moving along.

IV. New Business

- Chuck, Carol and Latanya have conflicts for 6/12/23 meeting. Members decided to cancel June 2023 Meeting.

V. Adjournment: Mirela made motion to adjourn, and Latanya seconded the motion. Adjournment was unanimously approved at 7:25 PM.