

West Hartford Commission on the Arts
Regular Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM - Virtual

I. Meeting Opening

- Call to Order: 6:38 PM
- Roll Call: Matthew Bragg, Javier Colon, Chuck Coursey, Latanya Farrell, Ginny Kemp, Carol McCabe, Mirela Panaitisor, Sue Rothenberg
-Absence Excused: Karen Bachman
- Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Mirela made motion to approve the minutes, and Ginny seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved 8-0.

II. Public Comment: no public comment.

III. Old Business

- 2024 Meeting Schedule: Members agreed to the 2024 meeting schedule Chuck sent out with the Feb Meeting Agenda - mix of in-person (Town Hall) & virtual meetings during the year.
- “Places & Spaces”: Discussion of Potential WH sites to host part.
 - Ginny interested in reaching out to Hartford Baking Co.
 - Ginny & Carol to brainstorm on Places & Spaces activities.
 - Poetry on Park event – April 20, 2024 at Riverbend Books & Park Road: Chuck, Carol, Mirela & Ginny met with Owner Meghan Hayden to discuss event. WHAC can promote & support. Portobello & Smoke Public House are supporting.
- Assistance with Business Plan for “The Hub”, a W.Htfd arts maker space
 - Dylan Healy & Jess Collins drafting a plan: budget, expenses, size needs.
 - Once plan detailed, Chuck to introduce them to town manager & discuss ways WHAC can support.
- Memo to Town – State of the Arts in WH: Chuck to draft a memo on what WHAC has done & learned.
 - Discussed doing an artist survey before reporting to town. Chuck, , Matt, LaTanya & Mirela to work on draft survey questions & review in March WHAC meeting.
 - Can send survey to Artist Bank contacts; promote survey participation on members’ social media.

IV. New Business

- Bishops Corner Neighborhood Association holding collaborative event 4/25/24: 10 Ways the Arts Benefit our Community: WHAC to promote.

V. Adjournment: Sue made motion to adjourn, and Mirela seconded the motion. Adjournment was unanimously approved at 7:13 PM.