

Town of Fairfield

Minutes of the Fairfield Arts Commission Meeting

May 21, 2024

The Fairfield Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 in the Second Floor Conference Room of Old Town Hall located at 611 Old Post Road in Fairfield. The meeting was also held via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie MacDonald, Connor Deane, Katie Lang, Sam Cargill, Kevin Gosselin, Lou Heumann
Via zoom: Matt Oestreicher, Sam Goldstein

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Orlando

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Barnhart, David Green

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM

1. The minutes from the April 16th meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The April 27th Community Artist Session at FTC was reviewed and next steps discussed. The following outcomes are being pursued:
 - In order to continue generating momentum and networking possibilities within the artist community, quarterly Happy Hours will be held at various arts venues. First one will be on Wednesday, June 19th, from 5:30 – 7pm, at Black Rock Theater (Thank you, Commissioner Deane). Attendees will be offered reduced price tickets to RENT as well as cocktails for purchase. Elected officials will be invited. Social media will promote. An announcement regarding the cultural district application, BOS resolution and public comment will be made at the Happy Hour.
 - Many thanks for David Green and John Cusano for their outstanding help in facilitating the session.
 - Special shout out to Mary Alice Limperopulos for her exemplary work in developing and attending the April 27th Community Arts Session. It was very much appreciated!
3. There are two outstanding pieces from the Arts District application: an opportunity for community comment and BOS resolution. In order to obtain both, the Arts Commission will request to be on the agenda at a July BOS meeting.
4. Pequot Library and Commissioner Cargill will be hosting a Chamber Music Series, *Under The Arches*, on June 21, 28 and July 12th at Pequot Library. All are welcome.
5. Creation of a stock, full page FAC ad for performance programs will be created to run as filler.
6. Commissioner Goldstein will forward a new idea for a school program which will appear as an agenda item at a future meeting.
7. SHU Community Theatre will be happy to promote FAC at their summer outdoor events. Commissioner Oestreicher will forward the outdoor lineup.
8. Public comment:
 - Sub-committee sign-ups are recommended particularly *Friends of FAC*, to be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Easier access to FAC communications, info, website, etc. was requested.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 16th at 6pm.