Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2023
1:00 pm

Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Alexandra Daum, Floyd Green, Jacqui Hubbard, Andrew Linde, Judy McElhone, and Jack Rosenberg
Absent: Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels
Staff: Mel Díaz, Tamara Dimitri, Rhonda Olisky, and Elizabeth Shapiro
Guest: Denise Massingale-Lamb

Call to Order
Chairman Jack Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Since there was no quorum, Chairman Rosenberg delayed approving the previous meeting minutes.

Introduction and Discussion with Alexandra Daum, Commissioner of DECD
Commissioner Daum gave an overview of DECD's work and how the Office of the Arts intersects. She explained that DECD takes a holistic view of the people and businesses in CT.

Artwork Archives
Program Specialist Tamara Dimitri walked the Council through Artwork Archives, the COA's inventory software for the public art program. One percent of the construction cost of public state buildings budget goes to public art for those buildings, and ten percent of the one percent goes to CT artists. COA manages the collection, and staff is working on having as much information provided on the website.

Office of the Arts Action Item: Supporting Arts Grant Program
Program Associate Rhonda Olisky presented the Supporting Arts (SAP) grantees. She explained that SAP provides funding to help support Connecticut's arts organizations and municipal arts departments as they pursue their missions. This type of grant is flexible and allows the grantee to use

the funds where they are most needed. This year, COA recommended funding 231 grants totaling $1,050,000.

Director's Report

Executive Director Elizabeth Shapiro reported on work with COA's national partners. She recently finished traveling the state, introducing the new director of NEFA to local organizations, and will meet with other state leaders at the NASAA leadership week in December. Shapiro announced that Lu Rivera received an upgrade from Administrative Assistant to Grants and Contract Specialist, which better aligned with the work Lu has been doing. She reported that staff were almost done with the first phase of data planning and would be participating in the second phase.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg apologizes for the Council's recent difficulty attaining quorum in meetings. He stated that seven members are required for the quorum, and the Council currently has seven members seated. The Council is waiting for several recommendations to be approved to grow the number of seated members.

Committee for the Governor's Arts Awards

Committee members Andrew Linde and Denise Massingale-Lamb reported that they are working on the structure of the awards to make them repeatable year after year. They are not defining "art," and they want the awards to be inclusive with no categories and no more than six awards. The Committee wanted to ensure it is not just an event but includes important items in the art community. The plan is to celebrate in the Fall.

Other Business

Council members had no issues with the proposed 2024 meeting dates.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 2:35 pm.