

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Via Zoom 6:30 pm

Present

Emily McIntosh, Damon Patnoe, Donna Hamre, Joshua Hamre, Jennefer Ryan, Emily Clifford, Renee Poreda

Approval of prior minutes: Josh made a motion to accept the minutes, Damon 2nd the motion. Minutes accepted.

Chairperson's Remarks

Congratulations to Joshua Hamre on his appointment to the Board of Education. Jason had a previous engagement and will not be attending tonight's meeting.

Staff Liaison Remarks

none

New Business

Donna spoke about the new community group Enfield Pride. The group began meeting in August and is in the process of becoming more organized with a board to be discussed in their December meeting. Their first community event will be held on November 20th at Enfield Congregational Church. They will be holding a pot-luck luncheon in honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance. The group is planning to have a town-wide celebration on the town green this spring. They are planning on making it a vendor event which would fund itself. They have asked ECAC to support the event but in what capacity is unknown at this time.

Questions were asked of how they envision ECAC there as a support? Discussion of some sort of activity like Sidewalk chalk contest. We discussed marketing via Facebook and the High School GSA. Josh mentioned ECAC logo bracelets. A motion to vote to be a part of the event with Donna as the liaison with the group will be postponed until we have more information in the December meeting. Enfield Pride will be added under Old Business.

We received a mini-grant application for a Juneteenth event from the Ujima African American Alliance. We discussed the application and the \$500 requested. Would ECAC have a presence at the event? We will wait for a vote until the December meeting when Jason and the new town council liaison's will be in attendance for further discussion.

Old Business

The next Paul Bisaccia concert will be held via Zoom on Sunday, December 12th. This is our final contracted virtual show. We can talk to Paul about doing an in-person concert at the Senior Center in the Spring. The possibility of using our big screen at the Senior Center to project the

virtual concert to a live audience was presented. We would need to provide refreshments and we would need all hands-on deck for volunteers for an in-person event. Emily will check with Jason and Mary about that.

Opera House Players is not responding to our requests to join our ECAC meetings. Maya has applied to be on our board as a member of ECAC. Jason feels that the best route is not to allow a regular seat due to the OHP Board Members potentially changing annually versus our 2-year appointments. There have been conversations about adding another position to our board for an OHP Liaison. Emily C. said she would be fine with Maya joining the commission as a private citizen. Maya is in communication with Jason. If OHP Liaison is not on our ECAC board, the OHP/ECAC contract would be in default. The Town Council will need to decide if we can create a seat for the OHP Liaison. The vote will have to wait until our new council Liaison's are in attendance at our meetings.

Miscellaneous:

Renee is attending our meeting because she is interested in applying for the open seat on our board. She has participated in our sidewalk chalk contests and her daughter has been a part of the Women's Club Art Show.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary