

Enfield Culture and Arts Commission Monthly Meeting  
May 28, 2024 6:30pm (Rescheduled from June 4)  
Enfield Town Hall, Scitico Room

### **Roll Call**

Donna Hamre, Emily Clifford,, Dan Keating, Nzima Hutchings, Joyce Bolanos, Debi Kruzel, John Santanella. Not present: Steph MacGillivray, Jason Neely

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

Table acceptance of minutes for our August meeting, we will not meet in July.

### **Chairperson's Remarks**

Donna and Emily attended the Opera House Players performance of Kinky Boots.

Dan attended the Artist Exhibit and reception at the Pearl Street Library.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Summer Concert Series every Tuesday night beginning June 4, rain date Wednesday night

Juneteenth Celebration, Town Green, June 15

Enfield Pride Celebration, at Enfield UCC 1295 Enfield St., June 15

EIMA Yard Goats Fundraiser, June 28

Enfield Community Chorus Music Trivia Fundraiser at Luppoleto Brewing co, 20 Main St  
Windsor Locks CT, June 20

### **Treasurer's Report**

Not present

### **Staff Liaison's Remarks**

Not present

### **TC Liasian's Remarks**

Discussed the Summer Concert Series lineup. John asked to receive an email with the minutes for ECAC and information on what we would like to be shared with the Town Council. We discussed food truck vendors and funding; the commission is waiting for an update to see if we will be asked to help fund the concerts. John will ask leadership for a construction update.

The Enfield Schools Art show was phenomenal. John is hoping to get the school bands on the bandshell stage in the Fall.

Nzima is doing great as the Poet Laureate.

We talked about offering open mic before the concerts start, as an opener. The commission will discuss that further. We explained that the library is a consistent group of attendees due to the small, welcoming space that may not transfer to the bandshell.

Concert Series sponsors this year are USA Hauling and Artioli, sponsors will be announced prior to each concert when the bands are announced.

There will be a Venmo available for donations to ECAC.

### **BOE Liaison's Remarks**

Not present

An email with minutes will be sent to Tina Leblanc to share updates during the BOE meetings.

### **Old Business**

#### **Summer Concert Series:**

ECAC's role at the Summer Concert Series is to bring art activities for the kids. We will bring sand projects and sidewalk chalk. We discussed additional art projects to purchase and offer. Donna shared Guitar cardstock templates to design and color with markers, Kites to color, and blank slap bracelets. We can line the picnic tables with paper.

Board members are encouraged to suggest other ideas.

For National Night out we discussed having an artist do caricatures, face painting or temporary tattoos.

There are 13 summer concerts, art materials will be divided for each concert to ensure supply will last the summer.

We researched Amazon's offerings.

Slap bracelets 6 boxes at \$11.99 each

Guitars stencils to trace onto cardstock size 9.5"x8"

Markers 200pk for \$36

Kites 100 pieces 26"x20" \$72

Watercolor pens 40 bags of pens 8/bag=\$180 estimated total

Other projects discussed were pet rocks: supplies needed rocks, tacky glue, paint, google eyes bubbles, bubble wands, solution

Message in the bottle, poetry month activity to include affirmations \$7.42 x 12 message bottles  
Discussed the idea of ECAC time capsule while construction is going on.

Dan made a motion to purchase kids craft activities \$500, Joyce 2nd, all voted favor

A schedule was created for commission members to sign up to volunteer at the ECAC tent and be present to support the event to ensure we have someone there each week. Donna will support on Wednesdays in the event of a rain date.

The pop-up tent, table and chairs will be set up by buildings and grounds each week. We will set up pop-up banner and kids art activities, and the wagon will be used to transport materials. We will ask for 2 picnic tables for children's art activities.

#### Poet Laureate update:

Nzima is organizing a first annual poetry event. ECAC will be supporting her to help sponsor the event and attend the event with community groups.

Advertising: Corner board, yard signs, pop-up signs.

The date has been reserved at the Enfield Public Library, Middle Road.

A motion was made for \$1000 to sponsor Nzima's Poetry event. Motion was made by Debi, 2nd by Dan, all voted in favor.

It was suggested for Nzima to look into other community groups who could provide support as well as the Enfield Greater Together Community Fund for additional sponsorship or grants.

#### **New Business**

Joyce would like to be the liaison to the Beautification Committee. She would like to attend their meetings as a contact person and join their public meetings as a member of ECAC to encourage the partnership for visual art in town.

Joyce will make contact with the CT State office of Arts & Culture to research available grants for visual art installations. She will learn how to apply for the grants and discuss.

Debbie suggested a Beautification partnership with the new Mall Project. Debi will connect with Steve and Chris to discuss the incorporation of Visual Art to be included in the project.

A motion was made to allocate \$120 to get name tags for commission members. Debi made the motion, Nzima 2nd, all voted in favor. A special tag will be purchased for Nzima as our Poet Laureate. The name tags will be worn at various town events to identify ECAC members.

We also discussed new shirts, table covers and more ECAC swag

#### **Miscellaneous**

We would like to have High School Student representation on ECAC. We will talk to Tina about how to get students involved.

We would also like to make connections with St. Bernard's School, Enfield Montessori and CREC Civic Leadership Academy.

New visual art projects are appearing in Manchester, CT (fiberglass dogs) and Suffield, CT (life-like sculptures) . We need to reach out to the town with the new projects and ask about funding, how did they do it?

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Hamre, ECAC Board secretary