

East Windsor Arts and Culture
Meeting Minutes
5/10/22
6:30 PM
Park Hill Community Room, Broad Brook

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting

Commission members in attendance: Bernie Duffy, Erica Giroux, Christina Posniak, Jimbo Richards, Karen Stavalone, Debbie Williams, Russell Williams

Additional Individuals present: Jeff Holcombe, Sarah A. Muska (Selectman – Commission Advisor)

- I. Call to Order/Attendance
Debbie Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and the meeting began with a remembrance of Al Zeigler, Arts and Culture committee member who recently passed away.
- II. Approval of minutes of March 8, 2022, meeting and April 12, 2022 meeting
There was a motion by Christina Posniak to approve the March 8 meeting minutes which was seconded by Jimbo Richards. Russell Williams made a motion to approve the April 12 minutes, and this was seconded by Karen Stavalone.
- III. On-going/Old Business
 - a. Solar/Dino/Farm/other festival
Debbie Williams asked Jimbo for notes on former community days. He will pull together this and gave an overview of his past experience. Debbie Williams let us know that the Historical Society is interested in serving as our venue; Jimbo suggested the E.W. Park. The committee discussed timing and the pros and cons of spring versus fall. We would promote it so that businesses would pay for their booth. We want to support the artists for their free participation. Community Day was a school sponsored thing at its inception. Food trucks were discussed and agreed this would be the way to go regarding food. Karen and Erica reported that renting a booth runs from \$15-70. Everyone will come back to the next meeting to discuss their ideas.
 - b. Artists bank- no updates
 - c. Logo contest
Another submission for the logo contest. It is a painting but not a logo. We wait one more month and choose a winner.
 - d. Underpass murals
Once the construction work is completed, we can talk about this again.
 - e. Art displays/vendors at Summer Concert Series (6/16-8/25)
We could feature visual artists. Arts and Culture would have a table and we would give information on our committee and elicit ideas how we could support artists; we would do this under the pavilion. We will try the Arts & Culture informational booth and elicit suggestions from the community. We will bring our selfie doors as a part of the display. One concert a week for 11 weeks. Melissa would want to make sure that bands are the focus of the events.

- f. Meeting with safe school climate committee/admins/art teachers
Debbie met with a group and presented a number of ideas. Some ideas that were discussed, in the Middle School, they are looking to beautify the courtyard and paint lockers. BBES liked the Rock River idea where every student paints a rock and adds it to the landscape. School administrations are hesitant to move forward with anything with one month left in the school year- most projects will have to wait until the fall.
- g. Student art displays at Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, and Senior Center
Youth art month is March. Sarah suggested that we pick a theme and have artists submit art.
- h. Broad Brook Garage mural- won't start until June
- i. Collaboration with AHRC
Chain saw artist has not committed.
- j. Visiting artists series
We could use social media to make a call for artists submissions. May 22 there is an artist market. We have 30 artists who are a part of the artists' bank.

Social media: A mode to feature local people. Economic Development is also doing this to promote travel. Featured artist of the day was a potential idea.

IV. New Business

- a. Locations for interactive mural(s)- several locations pending
- b. Meeting with Trolley Museum- ED is looking forward to partnering with A+C:
Hanging flags, interactive mural, trolley cars, down their tracks they have little buildings.
- c. HS senior art project for graduation- will start next year
- d. Flags on Main Street- ongoing

V. Outreach

- a. DoT
- b. Trolley Museum
- c. Geisslers
- d. Principal Anderson
- e. CT Office of the Arts
- f. Sportsworld
- g. Revay's

VI. Public Participation

VII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned promptly at 7:30 p.m. by Debbie Williams and was seconded by Erica Giroux.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Williams, Chair of the East Windsor Arts and Culture Committee