

**East Windsor Arts and Culture  
Meeting Minutes  
4/11/23  
6:30 PM  
Town Hall, Broad Brook**

**\*These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting\***

**I. Call to Order/Attendance**

Debbie Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and committee members in attendance were Sharon Aprea, Christina Posniak, Debbie Williams, Russell Williams, and Sarah Muska, commission liaison.

**II. Approval of minutes of 3/14/22 meeting**

Debbie stated that we all received a copy of minutes from March 14, 2023, and asked if there was a need for discussion. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes and Sharon seconded and the commission unanimously approved.

**III. New Business**

**a. Matt Conway presentation to BoS**

Debbie gave an overview of Matt Conway's presentation. RiseUP and this commission kicked off a partnership in 2022 with the Connecticut Trolley Museum Mural. Matt Conway is proposing a contract with the Town of East Windsor to facilitate the execution of mural and other public art projects in East Windsor through May 31, 2024. This proposal includes end-to-end support for all public art projects that East Windsor would like to complete in 2023 and 2024. The proposed goals for 2023 include: development of a public art strategy and road map; launch a public art map database & public art webpage for East Windsor Arts & Culture and execute planned projects. The total annual budget will be dependent on the individual projects and RiseUP will provide a pro bono consulting service for 12 months to help develop a strategy.

**b. Social media**

Debbie will start posting regarding the May 20 event on social media. Debbie asked all commission members to share on our social media pages.

**IV. On-going/Old Business**

**a. Budget presentation BoF update**

Debbie presented what the commission has accomplished thus far and confirmed that the Board of Finance has our proposal for our \$4k budget.

**b. Photography contest**

We have started to get photograph submissions for each category. We have another month before the close.

**c. Collaboration with AHRC**

The carving is moving along but we are waiting for W9 back from the carver; The carving, a barred owl is slated to be ready for June 3 CT Trails Days. Russell explained how the tree where the carving is being placed is protected by its location and height in the tree.

**d. Collaboration with Trolley Museum/BB Center for Arts**

Debbie, Gina and Khamp met with the students on April 2; Gina, the executive director of the Trolley Museum talked about the history, Debbie about the arts and culture committee and Khamp, the Center for the Arts. All three students came for the beginning stages of the project. Each of the students are paired up with a business. If they would like to do more than one, then the student needs to solicit additional business; we have one student who is interested in doing this and has a business in mind. All three students are from East Windsor High School and Khamp's kids are also participating.

**e. Collaboration with Soccer Club/HS**

The Mural is starting soon which will be located on the kickboard at Osborne field; Debbie is asking the art teacher if she needs any more supplies.

**f. Fence Cups**

This project is almost complete. The committee discussed some of the difficulties with laying out and executing the design of the fence cups. The teachers, administrators and parents of the school are so excited about it. Alison Anderson is the principal of the high school.

**g. BBES mural update**

Sharon showed us the first sketch and overall layout and design of the mural. She also showed us how the type of fabric that she is using works out great. Sharon asked Debbie if the brick could be power washed, and Debbie confirmed that could be done and they did that for the Trolley Museum mural. Sharon said we probably need a gallon of golden soft acrylic adhesive. Ideally, we would love to have the books completed by the end of school. Karen Stavalone and Linda Wise are the other artists. Debbie will bring the rough sketch on Monday to school.

Debbie gave us instructions, so we can fill out check request forms and submit it individually when we need to. After submitting the form we would get a check from the commission through the town.

**h. May 20<sup>th</sup>: Arts and Culture Day**

- i. **Vendors:** We have four East Windsor artists that are currently on board: Bernie Duffy, Kiara Kaiser, Cary Joseph, and Dianne Sleis; we agreed that we would now go out of East Windsor. Two out of the four have their own tents. One artist will be there for two out of the four hours.
- ii. **Music:** We have three musicians that are available and each one will play for one hour. There will be a little bit of time between each of the musicians. All the musicians have agreed to provide W9s.
- iii. **Food:** Debbie proposed that we promote whoever we use for food vendors. We will seek out what we need to be approved to serve food.

Debbie agreed to start with contacting Melissa. We discussed serving food from many different cultures: meatballs, kielbasa, hummus, spring rolls, fried plantains and cookies with the arts and culture logo.

- iv. **Demonstrations:** Karen is doing a throwing pottery demonstration; Sharon and Khamp could do something together.
- v. **Activities:** Christina Posniak will do an origami activity and the commission likes the idea of the baskets and the cranes. Debbie talked about the chalk art Mandala and where we would find a space for this.
- vi. **Community artwork:** Alex Raniello has a huge piece of plywood and Debbie and he were bouncing ideas off of each other for some time. Debbie put the following idea out to Alex, and he is in agreement. It would say, East Windsor has HeART. Julie Bergeron is the partnering with Alex.

We are going to get 15 signs promoting May 20 and we will place them around town including Main Street, Rt 140 and the lawn of the Trolley Museum. Melissa said we can hang up anything we make in the community center. Debbie showed us the flyer.

The draft timeline for the event is as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. Pavilion set up.
- 11:30 a.m. Food delivery and vendor set up.
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. First musician plays
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Karen's demonstration
- 1:30 -2:30 p.m. Second musician plays
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. Second demonstration
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Third musician plays

On-going: vendors, food activities and collaborative pieces

**vii. Shirts**

Debbie showed us pictures of each of the tee shirts and we agreed on what we would order for the committee members.

**viii. Next steps**

**i. Approval of budget spending**

Russell made a motion to approve stickers and magnets with the arts and culture logo and it was seconded by Christina Posniak and unanimously approved.

**V. Communication**

- a. Allison Anderson, Kat McLelland- EWHS
- b. Joe Unsworth- EWSC
- c. Matt Conway
- d. Khamp Phimvongsa -BB Center for the Arts
- e. Gina Alimberti -Trolley Museum
- f. Jared Welcome
- g. Alex Raniello

**VI. Public Participation**

We did not have any public for participation.

**VII. Adjourn**

Debbie adjourns the meeting 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Posniak, *East Windsor Arts and Culture Committee*  
*Recording Secretary*

OllieBartis.com Suffield , Olivia Balinger. Khamp is having a demonstration on Thursday from 5:30 -7:00 pm.