

Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting November 4, 2024 (at Cityseed)

Attendees: M. Cajigas, I. Gardin, N. Gilson, M. Loter, R. Moore, K. Wuzzardo

Absent: A. Crutchfield, K. Flores, M. Monk Flake

Staff: A. Jefferson, K. Futrell, T. Rich

Meeting called to order Cityseed, 162 James Street at 5:25pm

I. Minutes

M. Cajigas called for a motion to approve the October minutes. I. Gardin motioned to approve minutes. Seconded by R. Moore. Minutes unanimously approved.

II. Directors Report

Studio Haven Programming

- CT fashion week event was successful
- Elm City Flow continues to host events
- Upcoming events include Winter Wonderland w/NHSO with support for Community Foundation of Greater New Haven; Chris Randall I Love New Haven photo exhibit w/talk. Considering
- photography exhibit to highlight the works former Alder Ficklin provided receive support and approvals from his family and the Board of Alders. Olympian highlights/honor & conversation
- Future plans include the recognition of Independence of and the Abolition of Slavery in Puerto Rico celebration in March. Additionally, staff is announcing a call for community led programming.

A. Jefferson noted recent visit to the Broken Umbrella space in development. Finished space will include cabaret space w/food service. As well as opportunity for communal use of space; City will sponsor about \$25,000 to support space use. Development partners include Collective Consciousness Theatre, Long Wharf Theatre. **potential tour in Spring

K. Futrell discussed Goffe Street Armory Mural reveal. Mention of possible mural on Union Street.

M. Loter notes Site Projects - academy, for mural artists; graffiti artists - M Loter

Staff plans to host a series of roundtables around different topics in 2025

ARPA - T. Rich focusing on ongoing reporting, filing.

NCV grant program - funding will remain at 2024 levels. Members discussed disclaimer on 2025 funding opportunities regarding reduced funding available and/or reduced number

Other – the department with Long Wharf Theatre and other partners will present August Wilson week this Sept/Oct 2025. Potential partners include Kulturaly Lit, The Word. K. Wuzzardo recommended volunteer efforts/org ahead of time; NHBOE connection by May or end of August, Youth and Recreation.

Creative U - need to conduct surveys/data collection to measure success

Tweed - match funding for community partnerships; new target marketing locations: Charlotte, San Juan, Atlanta market. Future conversation

**focus one CAC meeting to discuss cultural tourism

December 13 PRU event at Tropical Restaurant in West Haven with music, food

Arts Council and the Pride Center will be hosting a post-election community gathering event on Thursday, November 7.

Cityseed is hosting an evening of food and community conversation on Friday, November 8

III. Old Business

Old News

Meeting times

12/5

1/14 @ Shubert

2025 dates - send out w/potential dates

5/5:30 good for time

New

none

IV. New Business

None discussed

V. Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 6:22pm K. Wuzzardo motions to adjourn. Seconded by N. Gilson

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 AT 5:00 PM VIA ZOOM