

**Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting
February 3, 2025**

Attendees: M. Cajigas, A. Crutchfield, I. Gardin, M. Loter, R. Moore, K. Wuzzardo

Absent: M. Monk Flake, K. Flores, N. Gilson,

Staff: K. Futrell, T. Rich

Meeting called at 5:05pm

I. Minutes

M. Cajigas called for a motion to approve the December minutes. K. Wuzzardo motioned to approve minutes. Seconded by R. Moore. Minutes unanimously approved.

II. Directors Report

Members discussed the lasting impact of A. Jefferson on the department and New Haven community. Jefferson was announced as the next Executive Director of Cultural Affairs in Atlanta.

Neighborhood Cultural Vitality is now open and accepting applications. Application deadline is February 23, 2025.

Staff is in discussions for a mural on Union Street that would include a community clean-up and other potential locations with LCI and Town Green Special Services District.

Unapologetically Radical Conference featuring a discussion with Charlamagne Tha God and panel sessions is scheduled for Saturday, February 22 at 11am. Over 100 individuals have registered to date. Registration is open.

Upcoming events for Studio Haven include the display of artwork by Andres Chaparro. The Abolition of Slavery in Puerto Rico on March 22 hosted by PRU.

Staff continues to process the remaining ARPA grant reports. T. Rich noted the development of a survey that will be sent to grant recipients.

III. Old Business

None discussed

IV. New Business

None discussed

V. Public Comment

None

K. Wuzzardo shared the Shubert's upcoming Elm City Finest event.

R. Moore shared Arts Council upcoming Wellness Wednesdays for the artist community.

I. Gardin noted plans for the next New Haven Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate.

M. Loter and members congratulated I. Gardin as 2024 New Havener of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 5:38pm I. Gardin motioned to adjourn. Seconded by M. Loter

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, March 3, 2025 AT 5:00pm via zoom