



Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Middletown, CT

Via WebEx

MCA Public Art Committee Minutes

Present:

Charlotte McCoid, Chair

Franca Biales, Commissioner

Joyce Kirkpatrick, Commissioner

Pamela Steele, Commissioner

Also Present:

Kisha Michael, Staff

Julia Faraci

1. Call to Order – 9:30 AM

2. Public Session – No public present

3. Secretarial Assignment – Joyce volunteered to do the Minutes

4. Old Business –

a.) Acquisitions – Charlotte reminded the committee about the Connecticut Office of the Arts' communication on acquiring art during the Covid19 Pandemic.

The Committee discussed the need for analysis and plan of current exhibition space and creation of a list of viable artists before new art can be acquired. Other departments need to be brought into the planning.

b. & c.) Policy suggestions for purchasing, borrowing and ownership rights - As agreed in May, sample contracts and purchasing agreements from the Yale University Art Gallery and the state are to be reviewed by the City legal department.

5. New Business -

a.) New initiatives for public art-The Percent for Art programs of the State and of many municipalities in the state and nation were discussed. Previous attempts to establish this program in Middletown several decades ago faltered for lack of strategic planning and partnering. Now, the recent Middletown Plan of Conservation and Development states that Middletown (the "Arts City) needs more public art.

6. Additional Business – A proposal for a City-wide arts festival early next summer initiated by youth and involving the town will be discussed by the full Commission and those involved with the festival will be made aware of the MCA Grants Program.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kirkpatrick, Secretary pro tem