

Enfield Culture and Arts Commission, Monthly meeting, July 12, 2023  
Enfield Town Hall, Enfield Room 6:30pm

Attendees: Donna Hamre, Emily Clifford, Joyce Boyanos, Russ Salk, Lauren Urena, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Dan Keating (by phone)

Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting.

All voted in favor of acceptance of the minutes from June Meeting.

Chairperson's remarks: social media and email guidelines

The ECAC official account should feed messages. We should not be engaging in public comments in the social media pages. People should be encouraged to send direct messages to the Facebook page through messenger.

For responding to emails, we should not reply "All" to email chains to be respectful to who is listed in the email. For example, make sure Matt and Chris are not on the email chain to have the group conversation.

Joyce has concerns about the mural slated for Thompsonville and how it looks very similar to the Enfield Produce mural. The original mural draft for the Salas mural does not incorporate Thompsonville. Emily will comment on that.

Treasurer's Report: Jason not present

Staff Liaison's Remarks: Not present

TC Liaison Remarks: Not Present

BOE Liaison's Remarks: Not present

Old Business:

New mural Eclectic Peacock wall. She will be invited to a meeting in the Fall.

Hazardville Institute tour: save for next month.

PFLAG Enfield 6/3 & Enfield Pride 6/17: both events went well. both events were affected by weather which kept down the attendance. The Enfield Pride event had the option to move the bands and entertainment indoors which were well attended and a nice option.

Summer Concerts update

Dan will be at the Concert series for the first time. Ellen and Steve will be able to support Dan. The tent will be set up by B & G for us. The big banner will be in front of the stage.

The town manager's office will push the event on Social Media to continue to spread the word about the concert series.

### New Business

- A vote for \$2450 for the rest of the July Concert Series: All voted in favor.
- Open Mic equipment (small spotlights) Voted: \$30 small spotlights for Open Mic-All voted in favor.

Lauren Urena: Enfield Produce and Deli mural update:

Lauren shared mural mockups with added characters. She added characters with a lot of diversity. Joyce shared that it should have her family and not force it with so many other people added. We spoke about all of the elements that are represented in the mural.

They have raised a little over \$3000, they have \$7000 more to add. They have applied for the Enfield Together Coalition grant and they won't make their decision until September. They are hoping to paint in the Fall, late Sept/early October. Setting up Community Paint Day in collaboration with the Enfield Food Shelf. They have a face painter secured for the event. She is waiting with Sustainable CT who may match Community Paint Day funding. Their connections have been progressing and have been very active on Social media. They will be creating a video for social media as well. They are continuing a bottle drive for raising funds, they are collecting bottles and cans inside the front door of the store.

We invited her to apply for the mini grant up to \$500 toward the Community Paint Day event.

ECAC will participate at the Community Paint Day event in some capacity. We will hear more from her in future meetings.

Russ Salk: Hall of Fame

Russ attended the meeting to present an idea to the commission. Student athletes do award dinners and have a hall of fame in town. He would like to recognize the student performers. He has been thinking about this: high schools, community theaters, directing plays, orchestras. community members who played the piano/organ at a church. Thinking about a timeline

throughout the community with graduates from the high school alumni may be too broad. He would like to focus on High School students who participate in school play/musicals: set design, costumes, lighting/sound, marching bands, cheerleaders, jazz band, Orchestra, Concert band, band/music lessons, dance lessons, fife and drum corps at Powder Hill barn in Hazardville, Opera House Players, Enfield Community Chorus. Russ wants to showcase the current high school classes at an event next Spring, possibly May 2023. He envisions students being honored in the High School Auditorium, refreshments, and a ceremony of some kind, with speakers such as faculty or community members to introduce the students and what they are doing. Not thinking about giving out awards, recipients, criteria, etc.

A night to acknowledge the performers in the community, names printed in the program.

As a group we agreed that we want to recognize the young performers in Enfield, to celebrate the students getting involved in the performing arts throughout the Enfield Community.

Emily suggested a potential public access TV show, interviewing groups of students. Host who goes to talk to the head of the organization and coaches/faculty. Showcase students who participate in the activity.

Once it is recorded, they would have a link for the video to share within the community.

The challenge would be finding the people who are running their own groups. project for the journalism club?? Board of Ed liaison to bring the idea to BOE...

Facebook group that focuses on Enfield Performers.

Another idea, open a webpage where Alumni who went on to perform can write in "Jack Smith, graduated 1987 Piano player, and whatever they did after high school" write a bio. Enfield roots that went on to performing arts and write in. Share on social media to spread the word.

We have access to the town website, look for another community or organization that does what he is thinking about, and we can build off of that. We can discuss the idea at future meetings and talk about building off of the idea.

Can't Miss Chris will mockup a drawing of Wings for an art installation.

Public Art: Fiberglass Eagles. Joyce will contact the other towns to inquire on how they organized their art installation, pricing and process for creation.

Ronny Salas had comments about the Mural project. Thompsonville vs Enfield. Ronny will work with Chris the artist to drive around Thompsonville points of interest. End of July/Early August there will be new sketches. We can look at other ideas celebrate the individual sections of Enfield.

Mini-grant update: HMS mural extension request: Michelle Wilcox, for future meeting.

National Night Out August 1: Concert that Night at the Band Shell: Sage King. Organizers want to land Life Star in the upper parking lot (time to be determined)

ECAC tent can be multi-purpose. Emily will plan a special kid's activity and be present at the event.

Beyond Purple was rescheduled for August 29th due to the rain.

Ujima Oral History update: Ujima is having a hard time connecting with the community. Emily spoke with Rosalind Swift and asked for quarterly reports to keep us updated with every stage. The project involves African American history in Enfield. Kids can interview the elders in their family, hoping to incorporate.

Ujima has an online presence, their Juneteenth event was affected by the weather.

Poet Laureate: As a commission we can help NZima with the events that are going on and where we can include her in.

Emily will follow up with Steph for the press release.

Sept 17 11-3 Sidewalk chalk, future meeting vote on prizes.

Concert series: Same night as our monthly meetings. When people create their calendars, we should plan ahead to not overlap events. Suggestions will be made to move the concert series. Thurs nights cannot happen due to Friday night rain date issues.

Volume of the Concerts interferes with Tuesday night meetings at the Town Hall.

Volume does not have to be as loud as it is. Is it possible to have the volume lower (ask Josh)

Miscellaneous

Public Arts Policy and identity part 2. September Board Meeting.

Jack-o-lantern festival: Banner and table at the event.

Suggestion for Town commissions to collaborate. DEI and ECAC should meet once a year to talk about shared goals, ECAC agrees we need to find ways to add in the culture. Beautification committee collaboration as well.

Hispanic Heritage month: Salsa band

Tastes of Enfield: Turkish, Guatamian, Mexican place, Kabob restaurant  
Festival's

Next meeting: Thursday August 3rd.

Adjournment: 7:59pm