



ACT MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2017 | 8:00am | City Hall Auditorium

Attendance: Ed Cannata, Marie Soliani, Bill Haygood, Rachel Kelly, Jacques Williams, Stacey Caren, Janet Iffland, Tim Waldron

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Cannata at 8:07am

Bill Haygood reported to the commission of a recent visit to New Britain City Hall with Ed Cannata to view the public art display the New Britain Arts Commission has. He reported that they have 3 rotating displays in various areas of their City Hall. In addition, a visitors reception desk manned by volunteers offers information on the displays and general questions. The group is associated with the Hartford Arts group, most artists are from New Britain.

Ed Cannata reported that the 2nd historic photo will soon be delivered. He expects to have it installed on the 2nd floor of City Hall in August. Ed also suggested looking into putting a plaque in front of the historic fountain outside City Hall, he has come across several historic photos of the fountain.

Stacey Caren suggested that ACT try to incorporate an organized group to visit the historic walking tour stops, possibly as part of a Main Street Torrington Oktoberfest in October.

The meeting schedule of ACT was discussed by members in attendance. A motion was made by Stacey Caren, seconded by Janet Iffland, to change the meeting times for all future meetings from 8:00am to 8:30am. The motion passed with all in favor. Tim said he would talk to the Clerk's office to find out the protocol in changing the schedule part way through the calendar year.

New Business:

Jacque Williams suggested working on long term strategies for the commission to build on projects we've already started or accomplished. He added that it would be good to incubate programs with the intention of eventually passing them off to other groups. Jacque recommended trying to work with some outside partners who share similar goals.

Rachel Kelly suggested a competition to create a new logo for the commission. She also suggested holding a panel discussion with members of the public to gain feedback on what the community sees as priorities for ACT. The commission discussed the idea of a resident forum and a specific forum for artists of various mediums further. Suggestion will be discussed at future meetings.

A motion was made to adjourn by Rachel Kelly, seconded by Bill Haygood. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Waldron