



MINUTES

January 27, 2010 – 10:00am – 11:00am
T1 Conference Room; City Hall (Temp. location)

Commissioners Present: Aurora Daly, Gail Kruppa, Jessica Hodorski, Julia Sloan, Tim Wallace, Jacque Williams

Members Present: Diane Consolini, Tom Bott,

Community Members: (SSN=Singer Songwriter Network) Mike Agogliati Register Reporter; Al Conte SSN; Bob Hunter SSN; Mark Papallo SSN; Rick Sheldon SSN

I. Call to Order: 10:10

Motion: Tim Wallace

Second: Jessica Hodorski

II. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes: Accept

Motion: Jessica Hodorski

Second: Jacque Williams

III. Updates:

- A. Artspace: Torrington (Aurora)- Aurora Daly reported that the Artwell Board of Directors is interest in pursuing the Artspace initiative and will set up a meeting to discuss their plan of action. She is also confident that they will be able to easily communication with Jack Lynch, David Dean and other building owners. The Commission spoke of including the Torrington Economic Development and the Economic Development Coordination.
- B. **Singer/Songwriter Network** (Jacque): Please see attachment for further information. The key issues discussed:
 - i. It is not a promotional campaign that jacque is looking for, but signage for the network. With signage, there must be contact information that the organizations can hand out to perspective members/venues. Signage isn't enough; there needs to be a contact person.
 - ii. The Commission needs a current list of artists and venues, despite the fact that new members are being added every day.
 - iii. The SSN is still in the conceptual phases and the organizational phases. Once organized and dates, venues, and organizations are confirmed, a larger promotional campaign can begin.
 - iv. Any donated funds MUST be accounted for and have a line item in a budget. Jacque will speak to Rose about this issue.

- v. Any type of membership card must be run by Earnestine to ensure that legally and logistically it is appropriate.
- vi. The issue of the SSN existing outside of ACT, but still with ACTs endorsement.
- C. **Torrington Arts Resource Report** (Lynn)- Jessica reported in Lynn's absence that information is still needed from Nutmeg and Trinity Arts Series. The purpose of collecting the information is to develop Survey Questionnaire. We are going to look to the NW Arts Council help (Is there a sample survey?) and local arts agencies in the state to see what they are doing.
- D. **Workshop Initiatives for Arts Community** (Assign a commissioner to organize initiative)- The Commission would like to hold off to see if any absent members may be interested in spearheading this event. Tim Wallace's only concern was not to duplicate efforts from other organizations in the area.
- E. **Children's Museum Exploratory Process** (Lynn)- Jessica reported for Lynn that the project is too large and extensive for the Commission and it also needs to be a city initiative, not a commission imitative because of logistics. Project is not tabled, but will be discussed further when more information becomes available.
- F. **Main Street Marketplace:** Meeting – February 3rd 10am – City Hall
- G. **Torrington Mural Project:** Tabled.

IV. **Open Floor**

- A. Issues to add to next month's agenda:
 - i. Jacque Williams suggested voting on meeting twice a month, instead of once a month.
 - ii. ACT Membership opportunities for outside arts/culture organizations and how these opportunities can aid organizations facing economic crisis. It would not provide specific financial help, but hopefully provide assistance in boosting patronage. There also needs to be clarification on what "members of ACT" consists of. Jessica will review bi-laws and report back.
 - iii. Progress of DiscoverTorrington.com
- B. Memorial Day Parade Involvement: Julia Sloan will co-chair with Jacque as an assistant. She will hold a meeting to discuss promoting ACT during the parade.

V. **Upcoming ACT Meetings**

Official ACT Meeting – February 24th 10am – City Hall

VI. **Call to Close: 11:36**

Motion: Jacque Williams

Second: Aurora Daly