



CONNECTING THE ARTS WITH THE COMMUNITY

TUESDAY July 11th 8:30 – 10:00 AM

**CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY PRINTMAKING
299 West Ave. – Mathews Park**

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT

WELCOME – Laura Einstein, Center for Contemporary Printmaking Director (8:30 – 9:00)

Updates & Sharing 9:00 – 9:20

1. Walk Bridge Design Advisory Committee – Steve Rust & Tim Gaylord
2. Poet Laureate – Laurel Peterson
3. Maritime Garage Gallery – Kathryn Hebert
4. Mayor’s Gallery – Melissa Slattery
5. Norwalk Arts Festival & SoNo Festival – Becki Christopherson, Judith Bacal (scavenger hunt)
6. Other

New Business 9:20 – 10:00

1. 2016 – 17 Reflection
2. Goals & priorities 17-18
 - a. Connecting the community with other than visual arts, poetry. What can/should we do to connect the community with other art forms including performance, dance, film/video, fiber arts, music, etc.?
 - b. Social media, listserv, website
 - c. “Norwalk Now” Gallery
 - d. Public art – Charles Perry Legacy, gifts & donations, sculpture park, tours (Merritt 7, etc.)
 - e. “Maintenance” goals
3. Organization – Membership, officers, bylaws, committees, 17-18 meeting schedule and venues

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COMMISSION MEETINGS

September 12, 2017	January 9, 2018	May 8, 2018
October 10, 2017	February 13, 2018	June 12, 2018
November 14, 2017	March 13, 2018	
December 12, 2017	April 10, 2018	

SAVE THE DATES

June 24-25	Norwalk Art Festival
July 8	NICE Festival
August 5-6	SoNo ArtsFest gordonfinearts.org
August 10	Google Guide + with Scott Wilson



**2016-2017 Arts Commission Goals & Accomplishments
Reflection - June, 2017**

How well did we connect the arts with the community?

Which efforts were most successful? Why?

What efforts were less successful? Why?

Did we use our resources wisely (in ways that supported our efforts)?

What areas of the arts, part of the community, may be underserved in our efforts?

Poet Laureate now part of the arts "fabric" of the community.

Capacity building - social media, partnerships, ordinance, emerging cultural tourism, other?

Donations - Mellion, Cole, Salata

Best thing about our meetings? Areas for improvement?

Month	General	Partnerships
July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheffield Island Plein Air - poetry & Mayor's Gallery connection Deaccession Art Under the Bridge per policy 	Met @ Oak Hills with Oak Hills Park Nature Committee
August 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public art walking tours Gateway to Norwalk dedication Regional grant review McKinnickinnick labels (101) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelopment Agency invites NAC to review arts-related requests for funding
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to music/visual arts with Jim Clark Maintain public art inventory plan Launch development of additional public art tours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership with Parking Authority on Yankee Doodle Garage public art, Maritime Garage Gallery (ongoing) Partnership with Norwalk Public Schools - Mayor's Gallery
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor's Gallery opening - Focus on Youth Ordinance Committee Mobile app launch Discuss mural restoration plan Serve as point for public art donations - Salata, Mellion Raining Poetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norwalk Public Schools Art donors (Salata, Mellion, Cole) Norwalk Common Council Norwalk Historical Commission
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordinance Charles Perry prospective donation Community Room corridor Move to engage consultants for ongoing work with tours & mobile app 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met at & toured Fodor Farm Art donors (Perry)
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poet Laureate Traffic Graphic - 20 West/Pardo 	Partnered with anti-graffiti task force
January	Conversation with curator about exhibit @ Historical Society Museum ("Steamboat Days")	

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February	Arts Commission ordinance adopted	
March 2017		NICE Norwalk Youth Orchestra Love All Project Norwalk 2.0
April 2017	Lit Crawl & Poetry/Jazz Norwalk 2.0 #iconicNorwalk SLOW Art Day (3 rd year)	Norwalk 2.0 Norwalk Public Library Rowayton Art Center
May 2017	Met at Wall St. Theater Norwalk Rowing Club - Public school art show judging Ekphrastic Poetry	Wall St. Theater Norwalk Public Schools Norwalk Rowing Club
June 2017	NEFA Conference Presentation Norwalk Art Festival CT Open House Day	NEFA Norwalk Art Festival Copps Island Oysters, Harbor Watch