



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Middletown Commission on the Arts, PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
January 12, 2023
4:00 pm, Middletown, CT
HELD VIRTUALLY BY WEBEX

In attendance: Kate Ten Eyck, Charlotte McCoid, David Wolfram
Also in attendance: Kisha Michaels, Julia Faraci

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order at 4:07 pm
2. Public Session - none
3. Assign Secretary – Charlotte McCoid
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Old Business - none
6. New Business
 - a. Public Art acquisition tabled: Chair Ten Eyck reminded the committee of Kyle O’Neil’s Trinity Church exhibit which highlighted her more recent work and Kat Owens, a Middletown resident, who creates art work out of plastic. We should keep them in mind when we are looking for new acquisitions.
 - b. Coordinator Michael mentioned two exhibits to view; the Buttonwood has an exhibit by Anita Flesher and another at Klekolo, artist unknown. Also, she shared her concerns that this committee needs to review best practices in regard to art acquisitions. Research has already been done but not finalized. Chair Ten Eyck will review what has been done to date. Assignments were delegated to committee members;
Ten Eyck – Purchasing
Wolfram – Deaccession
McCoid – Maintenance
Art Office – Will provide clear guidelines for donation of artwork, the process, limitations and or stipulations.
 - c. Kate Ten Eyck was nominated to be Public Arts Chair going forward.
 - d. It was suggested that committee members have a conversation with city departments, asking them “What is their vision of art in city hall?”
 - e. This was followed up with a comment by C. McCoid who had some concerns of where future artwork is to be hung. It was noted the municipal foyer is collecting clutter again and this needs to be addressed.
7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:32

Submitted by
Acting Secretary,
Charlotte McCoid

CC: Mayor’s Office