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Minutes from Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting[June 4, 2020]

Present at the meeting

Tamara

Sally

Kathy Angaza

DeLois Lindsey

Elinor Carbone

we had a quorum for voting on issues

Angaza was voted in as Committee leader

Kathy volunteered to be secretary

Old business -

Elinor mentioned that Vince Capelitti would welcome another mural project Lois spoke of the idea of a new mural for Capelitti building showing youth and diversity in our community funding for the mural will be needed we need new members on our committee

We want to get artists for mural and project Torrington residents - young people - Capelitti wants to have a showing of ideas and a vetting process for judging what mural should look like, a "competition"

Tamara suggested putting an ad in the newspaper--T-Town chatter, perhaps asking for artists interested in this project

keeps coming back to how do we get funding for this project? We need resources and \$\$ for someone to oversee project

We need to be planful

Committee formed with Angaza and DeLois

DeLois Lindsey will look into what it is going to take to set up this art project Angaza will have the conversation with Vinnie

The mural which was taken down is now being stored in John Noelke's building ... he is asking for \$600/month to store these panels who pays for this?

The mayor has answered our request to see the city budget so we can see how the money is distributed through the committees

The dismantled mural - John Noelke will do work with it.....restoration, perhaps, displaying pieces

Coming back to our Committee membership we have 9 members now and need 15 We can have 3 more Democrats and 3 can be Republican, unaffiliated or independent and they have to be residents of the city

Tamara mentioned that given the COVID climate that we are in, how do we bring Cultural Awareness into our community?

Ideas ---- Education
Poetry Slams
Talent Show

held in safe areas where folks can distance

DeLois says, no need to reinvent the wheel - we can co-sponsor with others that are doing things

Committee form with Tamara and Kathy
Tamara and Kathy will find out what's going on such as outdoor activities in Coe Park

The subject was brought up again about new hires in police and fire departments. We invite the Chief of Police and Fire Department to come and speak to our group meet with our committee concern is that there is a lack of diversity reflected in these areas which doesn't accurately reflect our community. This meeting needs to come before we have our events

Lois suggested "career fairs" for recruitments Mayor suggested attract diversity in recruitment Tamara asks Police and Fire what can we, as a committee do to help you (with recruitment)?

Discussion about the budget ---- Mayor says the city provides \$ but not for sub committees which are all volunteers so whatever we take on as a "sub committee" is not covered by taxpayer dollars. There is no "wiggle room" for funding

Mayor Carbone will send out budget and places where we can get grants and help for funding.

Meeting was adjourned at 7pm