

**Chelsea Cultural Council
Public Meeting
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Remote Meeting 6:30pm**

AGENDA

Members: Marlene Jennings, Chair; Dakeya Christmas, Carolina Anzola, Kati Cabral, Danielle Kim
Absent: Julianna Borgiani: on leave
Staff: Bea Cravatta, Omar Miranda
Guests: Vanessa Till Hopper, Teresita Cochran, Cedric Douglas, Jeff Grantz: People's Memorial Project

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I. Call to Order

II. Minutes Approval:

Members unanimously approved the Minutes of May 18 & June 22, 2021

III. People's Memorial Project (PMP)

When the Christopher Columbus statue in the North End was removed in June, it sparked an idea in street artist Cedric Douglas. In collaboration with Jeff Grantz at ILLUMINUS Boston, Vanessa Till Hooper at Studio HHH and Teresita Cochran, Douglas launched a projection exhibition at the site just before Indigenous People's Day. The team projected images of underrepresented Boston community members onto the empty plinth, creating a new, temporary memorial. The team discussed how the creative capacity of artists can activate public spaces. In Chelsea Square, where the Columbus statue was once located, the PMP team will do the same by first soliciting ideas from residents regarding those who gave to Chelsea in a unique way then projecting those images on the current plinth. The temporary art memorial will celebrate people from the community. Residents' ideas and PCP research will be given to the Cultural Council and Historical Commission members to assist them in their work to recommend a memorial for the original indigenous habitants of Chelsea to remember their place in Chelsea's history.

IV. FY21 Grant Management

a. LCC FY20 & 21

- Hondurenos Unidos de MA Margarita Franco has placed in a permit application to hold the festival parade in September
- Washington D.C. Trip was given an extension for Spring 2022.
- Fun Bus request to extend until Spring 2022 was approved
- Lewis Latimer Science Fair – Bea is sending Danielle Ron Robinson's number so she can inquire about the Fair's status.

b. Heritage FY20 & 21

- Chelsea Resilience Mural (TD Bank) with Sylvia Chavez Lopez & ECO requested a new location – Roco Building. CCC member approved. The prior location rejected the work.
- Chelsea Heritage Mural is progressing and will be completed in early fall.

V. Arts and Culture Coordination Group

Facilitators: Carolina Anzola and Danielle Kim. The group met prior to the CCC meeting. The new Director of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity, Candace Perez, removed herself from the group to focus on work at City Hall. In attendance were Mimi Graney, Omar Miranda, and Bea Cravatta. Alex Train was absent. Members discussed Ned Keefe Deputy City Manager joining the group. FY21 Goals were reviewed one by one with a plan for each. Meetings will be held remotely once a month. Marlene will write a letter to all those who participated on the Visioning Team announcing the start of the City Hall Coordination Group.

VI. Upcoming projects

- East Wing Gallery:
- Bea announced the postponement of the East Wing Gallery – new tracking system until the more Recreation administration staff is hired.
- Frank Bernard Comics: Marlene has been in touch with Mrs. Bernard who is pleased to give the CCC several of her son's drawing to be framed and exhibited in City Hall and other municipal buildings.
- Columbus Statue Replacement Google Docs – Carolina shared the link with other members-Next meeting with the Historical Commission is on August 3 at 6pm
- Kati Cabral met with Bea to gather information about the Painted Utility Box Program which she will coordinate.

VII. Announcements

Julianna Borgiani has resigned for personal obligations. The members thank her for her time and commitment to the /council and send her their very best wishes.

Motion to adjourn by Marlene, Carolina second motion, Majority voted to end the meeting

Next Meetings: August 24, 6:30pm

Recorder: Bea Cravatta

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