



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
Middletown Commission on the Arts  
**PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, May 11, 2023  
11:00 a.m., Middletown, CT  
Arts Office, Room B11, Municipal Building

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**Minutes of Meeting**

In attendance: MCA Commissioners:

Kate Ten Eyck (Chair), David Wolfram, Domenique Thornton (left 11:10a.m.),  
Sari Rosenblatt (left 11:40 a.m.)

Arts & Culture Office Staff: Kisha Michael, Arts Coordinator; Julia Faraci, Admin Sec'y

Absent: Charlotte McCoid (secretary)

1. Call to order at 11:00am.
2. Assigned Secretary: Charlotte McCoid
3. Public Session: Thornton attended the meeting briefly. She commended Faraci on her assistance with composing minutes for meetings. The Commissioners agreed that the Arts Office Administrative Secretary should be taking minutes at future meetings, and that the MCA Secretary would approve them.

Thornton also commended Ten Eyck on the progress of the Riverfront Reconnect mural project.

4. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve by Ten Eyck, seconded by Wolfram
5. Approval of minutes from 4-10-2023 – Ten Eyck, as the only Commissioner in attendance at the last meeting, approved the minutes.

**6. Old Business**

- A. MCAAAA – McCoid and Ten Eyck judged the senior artwork at Middletown High School. Two students will be receiving the award with \$250 each. The artwork will remain at the High School through the senior show. The Arts Coordinator will be in touch with the school to find out when the pieces can be located to City Hall.

A Commissioner will attend Middletown High School's awards ceremony on May 18 to confer the awards. One awardee expressed the wish to donate her award money to the other; the Commissioners decided that bestowal of the awards would follow the usual procedure.

- B. Riverfront Reconnect – Ten Eyck reported that she has spoken to a representative of Trinity Church about renting two of their five basement rooms for the use of the Riverfront Reconnect project. She proposes to offer vocational training through St Vincent de Paul, giving participants the opportunity to learn to set tiles and create mosaics. She is also connecting with Middletown Public Schools to encourage youth involvement in the



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project. She will be attending professional development this month in order to explore how the project can be linked with the schools' curriculum.

**7. New Business**

- A. Purchase of Kat Owens digital images – Commissioners reviewed the letter to Owens proposing to purchase digital images of two of her works. Wolfram emphasized the importance of capturing high-resolution images when purchasing digital artwork; this was stipulated in the proposal letter. The Commissioners reviewed works from Owens' "Entangled and Ingested" series, and chose two images, "Stellar Sea Lion" and "Loggerhead Turtle". Michael has created an artist release form which will be sent with the letter. Framing considerations are tabled until dimensions and other information become obtained.
- B. Staff Report
  - 1. Art relocations and additions at Municipal Building – The Iwo Jima painting and the Liberty bas relief will be delivered today to the Military Museum. The Abby Carter's "Carmela" will be relocated to the Senior Center. Wolfram and Michael removed the Risley drawings from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for reframing and restoration. PRIDE T-shirts have been framed and will be installed on the walls.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Faraci  
Admin. Secretary III,  
Arts & Culture Office