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November 8, 2021

American Rescue Plan Act:
Visual & Performing Arts Committee
Monday, November 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
The Mayor's front Conference Room

MINUTES

Committee members: Chris Caruso, Sarah Jane Henry, Kim Bianca Williams, Rowena White, Bruce Williams

Staff: Nikka Olofson, Constance Vickers, Tom Gaudett

Other: Kathleen Maher- Barnum Museum

Call to order: 11:04am

1. Approval of minutes from 11/1/2021 Special Meeting.
Motion by Rowena White and seconded by Bruce Williams to approve the meeting minutes.
Motion by Kim Bianca Williams and seconded by Chris Caruso to update the next meeting date from "11/11/2021 to 11/08/2021."
Motion to approve unanimously approved.
2. Consideration and final approval of ARPA grant awards.
The committee interviewed Kathleen Maher regarding the Barnum Museum's application for funding. Kathleen was not able to attend the last meeting.
 - *Motion by Chris Caruso and seconded by Kim Bianca Williams to approve the Barnum Museum Foundation \$25,000 annually over three years. Unanimously approved.*
 - *Motion by Kim Bianca Williams and seconded by Rowena White to not fund Bridgeport Mutual Aid/Bridgeport Generation Now's application. Unanimously approved.*
 - *Motion by Chris Caruso and seconded by Sarah-Jane Henry to fund \$19,000 annually over three years to the City Lights Gallery. Motion approved 4-0-1, with Bruce Williams abstaining due to a conflict.*
 - *Motion by Chris Caruso and seconded by Rowena White to fund \$25,000 annually over three years to the City Lights Gallery/ Bridgeport Art Trail. Motion approved 4-0-1, with Bruce Williams abstaining due to a conflict.*
 - *Motion by Chris Caruso and seconded by Sarah-Jane Henry to fund \$25,000 annually over three years to the Greater Bridgeport Symphony, Inc. Unanimously approved.*



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- *Motion by Sarah Jane Henry and seconded by Chris Caruso to fund \$25,000 annually over three years to Kids Empowered by Your Support (KEYS). Unanimously approved.*
- *Motion by Kim Bianca Williams and seconded by Rowena White to fund \$13,100 annually over three years to the Mount Aery Development Corp. Unanimously approved.*
- *Motion by Chris Caruso and seconded by Sarah-Jane Henry to approve \$21,485 annually over three years to the Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County. Unanimously approved.*
- *Motion by Kim Bianca Williams and seconded by Sarah-Jane Henry to not fund the New Vision International Ministries application due to their failure to show up for their requested interview with the committee. Unanimously approved.*
- *Motion by Sarah-Jane Henry and seconded by Kim Bianca Williams to not fund Original Works Inc.'s application. Unanimously approved.*
- *Motion by Sarah-Jane Henry and seconded by Chris Caruso to approve \$20,080 annually over three years to The Bridgeport Boys Choir. Unanimously approved.*
- *Motion made by Sarah-Jane Henry and seconded by Bruce Williams to fund \$25,000 annually over three years to WPKN, Incorporated. Unanimously approved.*

Adjournment at 12:30pm

Motion made by Chris Caruso and seconded by Bruce Williams. Unanimously approved.