

**HAMDEN ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**7pm**

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## Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chairwoman Donna Elkin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **Attendance**
  - a. **In Attendance:** Donna Elkin; Vice-Chairwoman; Charles Kortsep; Lisa Morrison; Lorraine Bornholdt-Brown; Diane Brown; Charlotte Lefland; Lushonda Howard; Susan Cutillo; Sandy Schiff; Siobhan Carter-David; Donna Elkin; Isabella Mendes
  - b. **Absent:** George Moore; Marita Gargiulo; Alex Mickens
3. **Approval of Past Minutes:** October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
  - a. Ms. Bornholdt- Brown made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Lefland. All were in favor.
4. **Old Business**
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Approval of 2022 Meeting Schedule**
    - i. Commissioners voted to move the March meeting to the second Wednesday of the month, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There will be no meeting in August, per usual. All other meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Commissioners voted to approve the 2022 meeting schedule. All were in favor.
6. **Comments/ Suggestions**
  - a. As the commission recently gained several new commissioners; each member briefly introduced themselves, and expressed their interest/involvement with the arts. They discussed some of the commission's long time programs, like the Saturday and Sunday series. A discussion ensued regarding the need for strong leadership. Ms. Mendes volunteered to provide leadership in whatever role best suits the commission. Commissioners then

discussed the potential creation of new committees, such as a training committee, that would provide the onboarding for new commissioners. Lastly, Ms. Carter-David suggested the commission begin to engage in/ place a focus on social justice.

- 7. Adjournment:** At 8:04 pm, Ms. Bornholdt-Brown made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Schiff. All were in favor.

**Submitted by:** Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk