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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

5:30 PM

Via Teleconference

Education Committee

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The Education Committee of the Board of Alders will meet on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., via video conference at <https://bit.ly/3zfcJ6S> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 923 4035 6768, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact publictestimony@newhavenct.gov):

- A workshop regarding summer and fall community programming for New Haven students.

Per Order: Hon. Jody Ortiz, Chair;

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk

These items are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 202 at 200 Orange Street; New Haven, CT 06510.

Since this meeting will be held using solely electronic equipment, participation by a quorum of members at the same physical location is prohibited unless that location is made open to the public.

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Public can view the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3zfcJ6S> or listen by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 923 4035 6768. The password to listen by phone only is 4950115558.

Minutes

Alder Jody Ortiz, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Alders Jody Ortiz, Chair; Darryl Brackeen, Jr., Vice Chair; Jose Crespo; Paola Acosta; Carmen Rodriguez; and Eli Sabin.

Non-committee members present include Alders

- A WORKSHOP REGARDING SUMMER AND FALL COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING FOR NEW HAVEN STUDENTS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Kirsten Levinsohn, Executive Director of New Haven Reads, presented how New Haven Reads helps promoting reading and learning. Reviewed data that shows how reading helps build a foundation to lift children out of poverty.

In response to Alder Sabin, Director Levinsohn reviewed how the program New Haven Reads used is phonics based. Spoke about how due to COVID-19, they are seeing more kids that are behind. They are seeing more children entering Kindergarten that do not know their alphabet.

In response to Alder Brackeen, Jr., Director Levinsohn reviewed how all the services they provide are free, and they rely on grants to help them fund their million-dollar annual budget. Reviewed how they are considering continuing to offer services online post-COVID, so they can reach more children and have more tutors volunteer as well.

A copy of this presentation is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

David Greco, Director/Co-Founder of Arte, Inc., 65 Pope Street, reviewed the programming offered by Arte, Inc. Reviewed the contests, scholarships, programs, and services offered by Arte, Inc. Reviewed how there are 78 different planned activities from July 6 – August 20. Reviewed how they offered over 800 programs last school year with over 600 of them offered to New Haven Public Schools pro-bono.

In response to Alder Sabin, Director Greco reviewed that they feel it is important for parents/families to participate in the summer programming together, as it feels it helps to build success for the children to have their parents involved.

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COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action taken.

Alder Ortiz moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Sabin. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:19 p.m.

Alder Ortiz moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Sabin. The motion was unanimously approved.
Adjourn: 6:19 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders' YouTube channel here:
<https://youtu.be/eiXyDWHyALo>.

Respectfully submitted,
Misty Maza, J.D., Legislative Aide II