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*EDC Mission:
To assist in the
establishment of new
business in Stonington;
finding business
locations; State of
Connecticut and local
assistance and
incentives; introductions
to area officials and
business leaders; and area
statistics and information.*

FINAL MINUTES

Special Meeting

Sub-committee of EDC for Cultural District

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Human Services, 166 S. Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT

Attending: SECT Cultural Coalition: Wendy Bury; EDC: Dave Hammond; ad hoc: Gabriella Radujko, Matt Beaudoin, Susan Scala, Victoria Scala Schwartz

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion included:

- a) Review of the current cultural asset inventory. The list contains non-cultural asset establishments, such as restaurants; this is a great comprehensive list which will be key for developing marketing materials that show visitors amenities that complement the cultural district destinations. Guiding Principle: "Can you visit it?". Check with Town Hall for a list of "home-based businesses" for any that can be included in cultural asset inventory.
- b) Need to add "cultural events", e.g. Blessing of the Fleet, 4th of July parade, Garden Tour, Lobster Pot Tree, and so on.
- c) Need to vet list with the culture community: "who are we missing?". Need to add Velvet Mill – consider adding as a single entity rather than listing each business separately; the reference can be the [The Velvet Mill](#) website which is updated by the Mill management and provides details for each establishment.
- d) Next Steps:
 - i) Complete the cultural asset inventory. Categorize cultural assets using SECT Cultural Coalition "Creative Economy Business" framework, and distinguish from non-cultural asset entities.
 - ii) Refine the map. The next meeting will include a working session to draw the boundaries.
 - iii) Create timeline (Wendy and Elsie) and review at next meeting to set action plans.
 - iv) Elsie to set next meeting – consider September.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hammond, EDC Chair, on behalf of subcommittee lead Elsie Bisset

David Hammond, Chairman

Approved September 13, 2022