CREATIVE SPACES FOR THE CREATIVE ECONOMY
Bijou Theatre, 275 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport
Saturday, November 12, 2016, 9:30am-4:30pm

AGENDA

Slide Presentations Index

9:45am: Welcome and Introductions: David Green, and Suzanne Kachmar [Video]

10:00 a.m. Keynote: Wes Haynes, Director, Making Places, Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. “Old is the New Next”. [Slides] [Video]

10:30 a.m. Give Space a Chance: Temporary Transformations of Commercial Spaces [VIDEO OF PANEL]
Chair: Jackie Lightfield, Norwalk 2.0, Stamford Partnership, Stamford
Richard Epstein, Westport Arts Advisory Committee and WPKN Board of Directors, “The Power of Temporary Transformations” [Slides]
Jahmane West, Artist, “Twenty Years of Activating Vacant Spaces.” [Slides]
Fernando Luis Alvarez, Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, “Stamford’s Sprouting Spaces Program: Artist Studios in Vacant Real Estate” [Slides]
Margaret Bodell, Southington Community Cultural Arts, “Creative Workforce Development Programs in Storefronts and Under-utilized buildings.” [Slides]

Break

11:30 a.m. From “Spaces” to “Places:” Connecting to Community [VIDEO OF PANEL]
Chair: Phil Kuchma, The Kuchma Corporation, Bridgeport
Anita Durst, chashama Bridgeport, “The chashama Difference” [Slides]
Callie Heilmann, Hartford Prints!, [Slides]
Peter Propp/Barry Schwimmer, Stamford Innovation Center, Stamford [Slides]

12:30-2 p.m. LUNCH
Optional 45-minute Walking Tour of Renovated Spaces/Art Spaces: Reads Artspace, City Lights Gallery, Fletcher Thompson, and Housatonic Museum of Art (with glimpses of Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative and the Arcade), with Suzanne Kachmar. Order a packed lunch to be delivered to City Lights.

2pm: Demonstration: Amanda Keating, FracturedAtlas, New York: SpaceFinder Connecticut [Slides] [VIDEO]
2:30 p.m. Sharing Space and Sharing Services  VIDEO OF PANEL
Chair: Michael Moore, Downtown Special Services District, Bridgeport
Phil Kuchma, The Kuchma Corporation, Bridgeport  Slides
Dawn Reshen-Doty, Benay Enterprises, Danbury Slides
Jim Kern, Comradity, Strategy & Creative Resource Center, Stamford Slides
Richard Wenning, Be Foundation and SpreadMusicNow, Redding. Slides

Break

3:30 p.m. Policies and Incentives to Release Commercial Space for Cultural Use  VIDEO OF PANEL
Chair: Kim Morque, Spinnaker Real Estate Partners
Tod Bryant, Norwalk Preservation Trust, “Taking Credit: The Role of Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits” Slides
David Genovese, Baywater Properties, ”The Example of Wilson Avenue Loft Artists Studios” Slides
Erin Wilson, Director of Economic Development, City of Torrington, “Torrington’s Artists Relocation Program” Slides
Jackie Lightfield, Norwalk 2.0, Stamford Partnership, “Policies versus Incentives” Slides

5 p.m. Reception. Harral Security Wheeler (HSW) Building, 1115 Main Street, Bridgeport, courtesy Bridgeport Historic Ventures, a joint venture of Spinnaker Real Estate Partners and Trefz Corp.