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To Aid Existing Groups

C. of C. Forms Arts Committee

A cultural arts committee has been formed by the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce to coordinate and assist the activities of existing cultural groups.

Announcement of the new chamber committee was made this morning by Henry C. Hart Jr., vice president of the chamber's public relations department. The new committee, he said, represents "a recognition of the increasing importance of the arts" by the Chamber of Commerce.

Russell Fox of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company is chairman of the new committee. Other members are W.

Slater Allen Jr., Robert S. Allingham., Herbert B. Barlow Jr., Dr. Albert Bush-Brown, Rhode Island School of Design president, Joseph P. Dougherty, Miss Alice C. McDonald, John Rao Jr., Robert Ruggles and Mrs. John Hazen White.

Ex-officio committee members are Mr. Hart, Robert W. Kenyon, chamber president, and E. A. Palmer, executive vice president. John H. Stiness, chamber's publicity director, is secretary.

Mr. Fox said the function of the committee will be to assist in every way the increasing number of groups actively engaged in cultural arts programs.

Until now, he said, such groups seeking assistance and advice from the chamber had no specific committee to deal with.

Mr. Hart suggested that the new committee might well serve as the agency through which plans for a performing arts center could be worked out through "the meeting of minds."