



NEEDHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda -

7:00 PM, Monday, January 28, 2019 | Location: Highland Room, Needham Town Hall

Agenda

- Welcome new member Julia Gould
- Review MCC grant process
- Review of Needham Lights and Winter Arts Festival
- Update on Electrical Box Project
- Next steps for Electrical Box Project
- Set date for end of year reception and discuss location

Attendees

Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair, Gail Lustig, Sharon Breitbart, Yael Halpern, Cathy Nanda, Elise Miller, Betsy Millane, Anne McCaffrey, Julia Gould

Absent: Ronald Lowry, Monique Harrington, Elise Miller, Betsy Millane, Cathy Freedberg, Elizabeth Cook

Scribe

Cathy Nanda

Minutes

- Welcome Member - Introduction of new member, Julia Gould.
- Review of MC Grant Process- Went very smoothly. No challenges. Grant awards and contracts were sent via email only. 10 out of 15 contracts returned so far which is great return.
- Review of Needham Lights and Winter Arts Festival- Review of our partnership with the Town. For future discussions: share publicity, brainstorm what else NCC can bring to event, volunteer, fundraise, other thoughts. Potential for both events to be the same weekend so we can have a weekend of events that are arts related. New location

possibilities.

- Update and Next Steps on Electrical Box Project –Current wrapped box “Chinese Lanterns” on Chestnut and Oak St. done for approximately 1K by Mary. Potential to wrap box at Rec Pool if it is not a transformer box. (Patti Carrie contact) Action: Call engineering department to see which boxes can be wrapped. Then locate and map potential boxes in Needham. Paul with Restoration Trust was also involved in box wrapping project. Action: Kristin to connect with Devra (Economic Development Manager) and Kate Fitzpatrick (Town Manager) to find out history of project and where it stands. Gail to speak with Paul from Restoration Trust. Project brainstorming for all council members. Should include RFP potential, artist stipend potential, as well as opportunities to fundraise. Funds to shoot for \$1,500- \$2000. Higher-level project would include mapping out cultural district/walk and connecting the dots with the Electrical Boxes. Other locations across map would include: Art Complex, Rosemary/Library, and Center for Heights.
- Year End Reception – Bring arts community together. Grantees attend. Arts based Speaker. Wine and Cheese. Action: Kristin to send out Survey Monkey for reception dates in May. Reach out to North Hill, Center of the Heights, Olin Possibly, Needham/Newton Chamber of commerce for potential locations for event.
- New Business:
 - Dump Art Project- off items ruining the whole load, sign contest to paint boards?, Rob Fernandez, Flyers, Green Needham.
 - Mural for Parks and Rec, Selfie Project idea. Action: Anne McCaffrey to contact Patti Carrie at Rec Center.

Action Items:

All members: Brainstorm Electrical Boxes and Beyond, Gail connect with Paul/Reservation Trust, Kristen to conference with Devra and Kate as well as engineering department regarding Electrical Box Project. Kristen to send Survey Monkey for Reception Dates. Anne McCaffrey to connect with Patti Carrie for Mural Project at Rosemary Pool Complex.

Upcoming Meetings:

All Meetings to be held at 7pm, Highland Room:

Monday, February 25

Monday, March 25

Monday, April 29

Monday, June 10