



NEEDHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes -06/22/2020

7:00 PM, June 22, 2020 | Zoom Virtual Location:

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Agenda

- Welcome and introductions (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)
- Approval of past minutes (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)
- Update on MCC Grant Process (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)
- Update on end of year reception newsletter (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)
- Update on media plan (Yael Halpern, Member)
- Update of potential public art projects (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)
- Election of officers for 2020-2021, (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)
- Other Business (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)

Attendees

Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair, Sharon Breitbart, Elizabeth Cook, Cathy Freedberg, Julia Gould, Monique Harrington, Yael Halpern, Gail Lustig, Anne McCaffrey, Charly Nanda. Absent: Ronald Lowry.

Scribe

Minutes

- **Member Welcome and Introductions (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)**

Roll call of council members present. Notice of zoom open meeting including code of conduct. Quorum met.

- **Approval of Past Minutes (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)**

Motion to approve past minutes 1st by Sharon Breitbart, 2nd Anne McCaffrey. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Update on MCC Grant Process (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)**

Review of MCC grant modifications. Last meeting blanket vote to approve modifications. Discovery Museum modification received and approved since then. Meet Julia Childs and Dance Caliente still to be granted awaiting further communication. *Action Item: Post modification letters on drive.*

- **-Update on End of Year Reception Newsletter (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)**

Julia Gould reports on the newsletter. Photos to be included. Section about art box and other council happenings to be included? Include Survey. Motion for Marking committee to have carte blanche to create newsletter. Committee meeting to happen over summer. 1st by Kristen Mazzocchi, 2nd Gail Lustig. Motion passed unanimously. Committee consists of Sharon Breitbart, Julia Gould, Monique Harrington, Kristen Mazzocchi, Charly Nanda.

- **Update on Media Plan (Yael Halpern, Member).**

Yael Halpern reported that the new Art box article was submitted to Needham Times and Hometown Weekly. We have permission to use a calendar that can be uploaded to Town website. Needs to be approved by Town technology committee. Further need to research into appropriate calendar platforms. The survey will include a question to assess the needs of the community for publicity of events with a calendar. Also for possible inclusion in newsletter update of what artists have been creating virtually during the pandemic. For example, the Arlekin Players Theatre and Needham Community Theater performing shows via zoom. Confirmation was received from the town that committees can do work that is within its parameters as directed by the Council as long as the group is smaller than a quorum.

- **Update on potential public art projects (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)**

- Art box- Next step is to be included in Select Board Consent Agenda. The third art box project needs to be developed and has secured funding from

Middlesex bank at \$1500.

- Murals- Potential to partner with Community Center who wants to do an indoor mural with Middle School principal, Tamatha Bibbo. That would not need Select Board approval. Reach out to Paul Good at NCRTF to see what murals are in process to partner on. Town interested in sidewalk murals especially safety reminders such as “heads up, phones down.”
- Picnic table potential for town center discussed. Ultimately, discussion concluded that because of difficulty with funding and purchasing it would not be able to be executed in time for maximum outdoor use. *Action Item: Acquire towns list of pre-approved vendors.*

Other ideas included getting connected to Complete Streets initiative of the town and using plexiglass art as an industrial design art project barrier.

- **Election of officers for 2020-2021, (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)**

Motion to approve Charly Nanda as Chair, Julia Gould as Secretary, Gail Lustig as Treasurer, Yael Halpern as Shadow Treasurer and Kristen Mazzocchi as an ex-officio member. 1st by Sharon Breitbart, 2nd Elizabeth Cook. Unanimously approved.

- **Other Business (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)** New Members recruitment, discussion of future dates and July break. Big thanks went to Kristen and Ron for their years of service.

Sharon Breitbart moved to adjourn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Elizabeth Cook 2nd the motion. Unanimously approved.

Future Meeting Dates

August 17

September 21

October 26

November 23

December 23