



NEEDHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes -05/26/2020

7:00 PM, May 26, 2020 | Zoom Virtual Location:

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Agenda

- Member 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 (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)
- Update on Media Plan (Yael Halpern, Member)
- Update on Art Boxes (Charly Nanda, Member)
- Discussion of potential art projects Covid-19 Response (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)
- Other Business (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)

Attendees

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

Scribe

Charly Nanda

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 Betsy Millane. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Review of MCC grant modifications.

-Motion to approve grant extension of Needham Open Studios. 1st Betsy Millane, 2nd by Sharon Breitbart. Motion passed unanimously.

-Motion to approve grant extension Dedham Choral Society. 1st Anne McCaffrey, 2nd by Cathy Freedberg. Motion passed unanimously.

-Motion to approve grant extension Steve Henderson. 1st Betsy Millane, 2nd by Julia Gould. Motion passed unanimously.

-Motion to approve grant extensions for applicants who follow the guidelines. 1st Betsy Millane, 2nd by Julia Gould. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The event has been cancelled and will be replaced with a newsletter.

-Motion to create Marketing Committee 1st by Charly Nanda and 2nd by Julia Gould. Committee consists of Sharon Breitbart, Julia Gould, Monique Harrington, Kristen Mazzocchi, Charly Nanda. Comments Include: Marketing Committee could address publishing news articles and photos of grant recipients in Needham newspapers. Recruit new council members, news article about art box artist Anne McCaffrey.

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

Update postponed to next agenda.

- **Update on Art Boxes (Charly Nanda, Member)** Motion to approve John Judge's artwork "Reach" to be sited at Third Avenue and Kendrick Street. 1st Charly Nanda 2nd Sharon Breitbart. Motion approved unanimously. Next steps will include Select Board approval.

- **Discussion of potential art projects Covid-19 response (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)** Ideas include: Taking a picture with the Rosemary Pool art box. Chalk project with High School students. Projects for elderly in isolation for example a

photographer, chalk walkway, plant flowers, art spinners. Address any needs the Senior Center may have. Covid inspired painted outdoor mural. Potential partner Community Center and Community artist from Gorse Mills. Potential locations; Pollard Middle School, Walgreen parking lot.

Action Items: Kristen to contact Senior Center to see what they need. Kristen to contact Sandy Cincotta regarding a mural project. Charly to contact interested High School students. Yael to contact Gorse Mills community artist. All council members explore potential partners for a mural project.

- **Other Business (Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair)** June meeting will vote for new officers, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Meetings will run through the summer to focus on possible Covid project and marketing opportunities. Proposed next meeting for June 22nd. Future meetings to be scheduled on 3rd Monday every month.

Charly Nanda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12. Sharon Breitbart 2nd the motion. Unanimously approved.

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, June 22