

NEEDHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes | NCC Meeting 10/26/20 at 7:00PM | Zoom

- Welcome and roll call
 - Present:
 - Cathy Nanda, Julia Gould, Gail Lustig, Sharon Breitbart, Cathy Freedberg, Elizabeth Cook, Monique Harrington (Late)
 - New Members: Joni Schockett and Heather Simmons
 - Potential New Member: Bala Muthukarduppan
 - o Absent:
 - Ann McCaffrey
 - Yael Halpern
 - Betsy Millane
- Update on MCC grant process
 - State has set the budget for \$16.3M for 2020-2021 Grant season
 - Press for Calls for Grantee Applications Needham Times, Needham Facebook page
 - 3 Applications so far
 - o Funds may not be dispersed until January.
 - o Talk about making funds available as a relief fund (not linked to a specific event)
- Treasury Report
 - o Report due at the end of the year, given an extra month to complete.
 - All 2019-2020 Grantees have received their funds, Four have postponed their events.
 - \$0.99 remaining from last year
 - Keep track to see if Grantees host their events
 - Info is on the Google Drive
 - Historical Accounts: NeedArts and Lottery
 - Working to transfer funds in to one account
- Update on Art Box
 - Interview with John Judge for "Reach" Artbox
 - 3rd Installment: Partner with Needham HS. Outreach to AP Art Teacher, looking in to other partners like "Studio" students
- Update on potential public art projects
 - Asphalt Art Project Interest from talking to folks
 - Kristen putting together a proposal then will begin fundraising
 - o Rail Trail Mural Artist working with students to do a mural
 - o Artist contacted Charly, over by Supercuts, on Highland Ave
 - Searching for Building Owner
 - Needham Lights Scavenger Hunt, no art projects this year.
- Member recruitment
 - o 3 Potential new members: Heather, Bala, Joni
 - Looking for New Member Onboarding Person, those interested will reach out to Charly
- Advocacy Update
 - \$10M Grant for Cultural Facilities
 - Looking for person to head Advocacy for the Council
- Marketing committee
 - Reviewed Website
 - Will look in to cost for custom domain
 - o Promotion discussion: Post to Needham FB Pages,

- Scheduling and Other Business

 - Panel Books should be available by then
 Voting Meeting: Cancel the 12/28 meeting, reschedule for January, 1/4, 1/11 or 1/18

Future Meeting Dates

- November 23
- December 28 Cancelled