



Needham Council for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

11/16/2021 at 7:00PM | Zoom

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- Welcome and roll call
 - NCAC Members Present:
 - Cathy (Charly) Nanda
 - Gail Lustig
 - Sharon Breitbart
 - Julia Gould
 - Bala Muthukaruppan
 - Heather Simmons
 - Elizabeth Cook
 - Joni Schocket
 - Samantha Hoff
 - Betsy Milane
 - Other People present: Amy Haelsen
 - General Updates
 - Harvest Fair was well attended
 - Anne has stepped down from the board
 - Minutes to be shared for next meeting
 - Treasurer update from Sam
 - Allocated \$8,000 out of \$35K requested
 - FY22 Year End Financials (6/30/21)
 - Carried over \$6279 into FY23, currently we have \$4311.52
 - Does not include this years allocation
 - \$4311 could be used for grants if council agrees
 - Revisit next month at voting meeting
 - Public Art update including mural and Storefronts Needham
 - Storefronts Needham ending, looking for more spaces
 - Murals
 - Joni drafting call for artists, onepager, template, and list of potential artists
 - Location not decided yet, still in progress
 - Next steps – Art Committee meets to regroup
 - Needham has \$7-8M for of funding from Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - Amy requested \$10K towards mural and cultural festival for next year
 - Fundraising would be needed as well
 - Joni wants to collaborate with folks on artist selection
 - Joni to shorten list to 4-5 then bring to group for voting
 - Members interested: Gail, Charly, Heather, Bala
 - Street Art Project
 - Approached by a person interested in doing street art with his son
 - Program in Cambridge, ongoing space for street art
 - To Be Discussed: Concept – Whats your name
 - Location, panels on rail trail
 - Include students to be ambassadors of the space (link to education),

would need a lead designer

- Other potential Projects: MBTA tunnel (Youth and family Services)

- Recruitment update

- Selectboard began interviewing candidates
- Two Drop Outs: Sarah Jay and
- Two Potential Members: Corinne and Dennis
 - Corinne to be approved on 11/23
- Kristen potentially to come back next year

- Municipal funding request Updates

- Asking for \$25K over 3 years, allocation of funding to be discussed at a later date
- Town meeting is in May to vote on budget, January meeting to present to the select board
- Need to vote on amount (symbolic to the town that we're all in agreement and support)
- Review of funding proposal handout (Saved to drive)
- Joni - Motion to move forward with Municipal Funding for \$25K over 3 years
 - Second – Julia
 - Roll Call Voting:
 - Cathy (Charly) Nanda - Yes
 - Gail Lustig - Yes
 - Sharon Breitbart - Abstain
 - Julia Gould - Yes
 - Bala Muthukaruppan- Yes
 - Heather Simmons - Yes
 - Elizabeth Cook - Yes
 - Joni Schocket - - Yes
 - Samantha Hoff - Yes
 - Betsy Milane - Yes

- Advocacy update

- Looking for a lead
- Emails from MCC about funding
- Legislature asked for \$575M, state/senate allocated \$75M, House \$140M

- Grant review

- 35 Grants to received (most of any year to date)
- Review and reading of Public Benefit Definition
- Review of Priorities
- Discussion of fully funding grants (fewer in total) vs funding as many as possible with smaller grant amounts – Will discuss at next meeting
- Presentation and Discussion of grants
 - discussion of each grant based on submission to follow up on all of them again on 12/14

- Other business

Sub-Committee/ *Leads					
Public Art	Marketing	Art Box	Advocacy	On -Boarding	Fundraising
Heather*	Charly*	Charly*	Bala*	Elizabeth*	Betsy*
Bala*	Julia*	Julia			
Joni	Sharon	Sharon			
Charly	Joni	Betsy			
Betsy	Heather				

Julia	
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Future Meeting Dates

Meeting Date	Location	MCC Timeline Event	Notes
December 14, 2021	In Person	Voting Meeting	Usually a Longer Meeting (1.5-2hrs)
January 18, 2022	Remote	Rejection & Approval Letters	
March 8, 2022	Remote	Grant Processing	
April 26, 2022	Remote	Survey	
Week of May 16th	In Person	Artist Reception	*Not a regular meeting
June 14, 2022	In Person	Elections	