



Meeting Minutes

4/26/2021 at 7:00PM | Zoom

Needham Council for Arts and Culture

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- Welcome and roll call, Charly and Julia
 - NCAC Members Present:
 - Cathy (Charly) Nanda
 - Julia Gould
 - Gail Lustig
 - Joni Schockett
 - Cathy Freedberg
 - Heather Simmons
 - Sharon Breitbart
 - Bala Muthukaruppan
 - Elizabeth Cook
 - Guests Present:
 - Sara Jay
 - Corinne (Core-reen) Rhode
 - Amy Haelsen
 - Absent:
 - Anne McCaffrey
 - Samantha Hoff
 - Yael Halpern
 - Betsy Milane
 - Approval of past minutes
 - Motion – Sharon Breibart
 - Second – Joni Shockett
 - Unanimously Approved
 - Needham Select Board NUARI Statement and NCAC
 - Needham Equity Statement, Vision and Guiding Principals
 - Town has asked us to adopt their statement and/or how we will integrate these into our work, programs, and goals.
 - Council priorities – focused on diversity, encourage groups that meet underserved and in-need groups as priority groups for the council
 - Public Art Committee – focus mural conceptually a sign that said “All are welcome” or other messages
 - Council Recruitment Priority – more BIPOC representation
 - proactively recruit through connections
 - Process for recruitment through the town
 - More representation from BIPOC in grant process
 - Unclear how many past grantees are BIPOC
 - Ask people to self-identify, give them the option
 - Diversity vs Connection to Needham
 - Motion to adopt NUARI Vision
 - Motion: Gail
 - Second: Sharon
 - Unanimously Approved
 - Public Art Committee update
 - Mural Update – Call for Artist of color to do the mural
 - Consider something more abstract instead of a specific statement
 - “All Are Welcome”
 - “You are Welcome” – signs at stores
 - Visual cue or something that comes from different cultures

- Need to choose a message that will “endure” or be “evergreen”
 - Committee to draft RFP for next council meeting
 - Make sure owner is included in the process
 - Jersey Barriers – paint donated, painting started today. Each artist has one that transitions to the next barrier – NRTF also donated money
 - Panchos – Heather and Bala working on getting another up
 - Store Fronts Needham Project – new artwork up
 - 32-36 Chestnut will have Senior Art Showcase (4/30-5/19)
 - If Bridal Studio is still available, Needham Open Studios would like to use
- Art Box Committee update
 - Recommended art by Emma Curry – theme: save the bees
 - Motion to accept: Sharon B,
 - Second: Joni Shocket
 - Unanimously approved
 - Motion to approve Fish design pending funding by Elizabeth, second Julia – withdrawn
 - Betsy to work on fundraising before NCAC commits to another design
 - Committee to scout new locations for upcoming box
- Subcommittee subject to open meeting laws
 - Requires agenda, minutes, etc.
- Recruitment update
 - Sara and Corinne haven’t met with Selectboard yet
 - 10 potential interests in people looking to join
 - Legally we can have 22 members, 15 was the internal cap
 - Consider removing automatic “renewal” after 3 years
 - Need to confirm selectboard appointing process
- MCC grant update/Treasury report
 - Check are going out, 5 people left
 - Combining all account separate from grants (\$5900)
 - Roughly \$3500 remaining to use
- Marketing Committee update
 - NAA to be asked to use logo on any storefront images
- Advocacy update
 - 16.3M for MCC
 - House of Ways and Means released recs including 20M for MCC
- Scheduling and other business
 - Moving meetings to Tuesdays
 - Reception Discussion – reconsidering Zoom reception, holding until we can discuss at next meeting

Sub-Committee Members					
Public Art	Art Box	Marketing	Advocacy	Recruitment	Fundraising
Heather	Charly	Charly	Bala	Elizabeth	Betsy
Bala	Julia	Julia			
Joni	Sharon	Yael			
Cathy	Cathy				
Charly	Yael				
Betsy	Betsy				

