

Gloucester Cultural Council Minutes

Wednesday, April 14, 2021-5:30pm

Remote meeting on Zoom

GCC members present Shayla Kaufmann Swiggart, Elizabeth Neumeier, Lucas Cotterman, Kay Koretsky, Rebecca Nagle, Laura Crook *Waxdal*

Guests: Arthur Thomas, Jill Cahill

The 5:30 pm meeting was called to order. The City's state requirements for remote meetings was read.

The minutes from the March 10th, 2021 meeting were approved by Lucas, Shayla seconded, minutes approved unanimously. Kay will submit minutes to City Hall for public posting.

Announcements:

Art Thomas had his interviews with the City as a potential member and all went well.

Lucas Cotterman has a potential member, Katie Brinkman. Lucas will invite Katie to our May meeting.

Liaisons to the 2021 grantees were finalized. Elizabeth drafted and shared a proposed letter to the grantee notifying them of the arrangement. Responsibilities of liaison are:

- contacting the recipient to make introductions and assist if needed.
- "attending" or otherwise viewing the project.
- providing information to Lucas so he can publicize it in a timely manner, as appropriate.
- helping with any necessary follow up to ensure that paperwork is submitted for reimbursement.

Please note that reimbursements must be submitted electronically.

Elizabeth attended an event on artists and housing and reported back to Council.

Repeat Grantees: Council members considered establishing a policy limiting repeat grantees. The goal for such a policy would be to provide diverse programming and fund a rotation of artists. Council decided for now not to create this policy. However, repeat requests will be considered during the grant allocation process. Rebecca suggested using city records to determine repeat grantees. She will explore this option with the city's accounting department.

This will be an ongoing discussion.

Found Art Event: Shayla connected with Susan Erony and found out that Susan has already previewed the art at city hall. There are some murals available. We will schedule a field trip to city hall in May to review the art once council members are vaccinated. The goal is to categorize the pieces and determine potential arrangements. Shayla will connect with Chris Sicuranza about collaborating with the archives and art committee.

Shayla mentioned the possibility of a collaboration with schools (O'Maley) to produce community programming. Another idea is to collaborate with the 400 Foundation for the City's anniversary. Elizabeth will reach out to the committee.

Grantee Reception: Try to schedule for Fall, Covid dependent. Could the art be displayed there? Potential venues: GMGI, Cape Pond Ice, Chamber of Commerce, (conference room) Cape Ann Museum.

Rebecca visited Cape pond Ice. They no longer provide ice for sculptures. They are renovating their space. It is a large and interesting cultural space.

Ice Rink/Festival: Council like the idea of establishing an outdoor rink for a week or so. Perhaps in conjunction with a winter festival with music and food.

Art continues to work on the database and reported on his development.

Lucas reported on social media for GCC. We have over 500 followers on Facebook and Instagram.

Next meeting on May 12th at 5:30pm. Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. (June 9 & July 14)

Motion to adjourn by Shayla, Lucas seconded. Meeting concluded at 6:30 pm