

Gloucester Cultural Council Minutes

Wednesday, June 9th, 2021-5:30pm

Remote meeting on Zoom

GCC members present Shayla Kaufmann Swiggart, Elizabeth Neumeier, Lucas Cotterman, Kay Koretsky, Laura Crook-Waxdal, Art Thomas

Guests: Jill Cahill, Katie Brinkman

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

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

Announcements:

Members got a chance to review Katie Brinkman's resume prior to the meeting and ask questions. Katie is a potential new council member.

Grantee Liaisons:

Council members reported updates on their respective programs.

The week of June 20th will feature the Manship Residence's programs.

Elizabeth went on a tour at the new Windhover/Gloucester Stage campus.

Culture Splash: Jill reported on this new community cultural initiative that will take place every Thursday evening in July and August from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Rocky Neck Cultural District and Downtown Cultural District are co-hosting a myriad collection of art demonstrations, live musical performances, and imaginative exhibitions for all to experience and enjoy.

Cape Ann Transportation Authority (CATA) is offering free trolley rides from one cultural district to the other, featuring a hop-on, hop-off loop route. As well, Cape Ann Harbor Tours is

providing a complimentary water shuttle to get you from one district to the other choose By land or sea” excursion.

Found Art Event: Shayla has heard that the murals in town hall will need some restoration work. Shayla will connect with Catherine Ryan to discuss this.

Grantee Reception: Magma has agreed to host the event. We are excited to partner with them.

Ice Sculpture event: Will take place after the first of the new year.

Council Priority Statement: Must have something to the MCC by September 1st. Members reviewed the current mission statement. It looks ok but could use some little adjustments. Kay will review others Council’s statements and propose a new one to the council.

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

Next meeting on August 11th at 5:30pm. Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. In the fall meetings will take place in person/hybrid. Jill went over potential locations. Our past room in City Hall is no longer available. It is now being used as an office.

City is hiring a Arts, Culture and Events Coordinator.

Motion to adjourn by Art, Lucas seconded. Meeting concluded at 6:24 pm