

Gloucester Cultural Council Minutes
Wednesday, August 11, 2021-5:30pm
Meeting at: Harbormaster's Office

GCC members present: Shayla Kaufmann Swigart, Elizabeth Neumeier, Lucas Cotterman, Laura Crook-Waxdal

Guests: Jill Cahill, Anna Benedetto, potential new member

The 5:30 meeting was called to order

The minutes from the June meeting were approved by Lucas, Shayla, Elizabeth and Laura. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements:

Members had an opportunity to meet potential new member: Anna Benedetto
Jill reminded us about Culture Splash and members are encouraged to join her as "Ambassadors for Help". Meet at Chamber of Commerce and offer support if you can Thursdays at 3:30p (only 3 left).

Grantee Reception October 16, 2021

Members discussed the upcoming event and discussed reaching out to current and past grant recipients to perform and/or show their work at the event.

members discussed having a designated director for the evenings events.

Lucas was going to talk to Jay DePrima to see if he would perform his Fitz Henry Lane work.

Members wondered if perhaps Kay could see who is planning on attending

American Rescue Plan

August 12, 2021 is a deadline to register for a grant and Elizabeth and Lucas are going to submit the application.

Update: Ice Sculpture

Shayla and Rebecca are meeting August 26, 2021 to brainstorm and will have more information at our next meeting.

Confirm Council Priorities

Council members edited the GCC mission statement and agreed to the following wording:

Gloucester is the home to the oldest art colony in the United States. The City keeps its cultural history alive through education, programs, and initiatives that enrich the community for both residents and visitors. The Gloucester Cultural Council is invested in maintaining the vibrancy of the City of Gloucester in myriad ways including securing grant monies to provide funding to City schools, organizations, artists, and other community members. The Council exists to support public programs in our community that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. We seek to fund programs that have a lasting cultural impact, promote art for equity, support working artists and elevate underserved populations.

Council members also agreed to the following priorities for the 2022 cycle:

- *have a direct link to Gloucester*
- *are accessible to a diverse group of people*
- *demonstrate innovative ways to bring science and arts to the public*
- *promote art for equity and underserved populations*

Members want an updated logo on the city's web page as the Harbortown Cultural District logo is not appropriate.

Switch to Direct Granting:

Members agreed to not switch for this round of grant recipients.

Confirm Next Meeting:

September 8th, 2021 5:30p

Review Next Steps and assignments:

Members want to send out a blast to remind people to apply for grants and this should be done by Sep. 1st

Motion to adjourn by Shayla seconded Lucas. Meeting concluded at 6:45pm