

Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

March 2, 2022 at 7:30 PM

**Town Hall Annex Conference Room
66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield Connecticut**

Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present: Colleen Cash, Joe Collin, Tracey Bryggman, Danielle Roth, Jennifer Dineen, Mike McNamara, Raje Kaur

Excused: Pamme Jones, Joshua Fischer, Amy Casey

Guest: Brittney Richardson

MEETING TO ORDER

Dani made a motion to call the meeting to order. Mike seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

MINUTES

Joe made a motion to approve minutes from the February 2022 meeting and Mike seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- There have been no changes or updates.

AGENDA ITEMS

Old Business

CT Humanities Grant Update

- The council was briefed on the webinar held by The Cultural Alliance of Western CT Webinar about the CT Humanities Grant. Discussion was had regarding restrictions on the grant itself, deadlines, thank-you letters, and next steps in terms of allocating funds and data collection.

Make Music Day

- The committee briefed the council on various updates on MMD including a meeting with the RAC intern, the MMD website launch timeline, as well as the creation of an MMD-specific Gmail account to organize and streamline all correspondences surrounding the event.

- Jennifer and Pamme will be meeting with Matt Fox (leader of North America MMD) this week.
- Further discussion was had regarding holding a Sunday event in addition to MMD itself and what that would entail as well as how to involve the school districts in the event since school's will still be in session.

2022 Budget/ARPA Request Update

- ARPA: Positive and productive talks have occurred between the RAC, ECDC, and nonprofit arts organizations over the last few weeks. The joint presentation was presented at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday evening.
- 2022 Budget: The requested increase is unlikely to come through and the council will look to additional funding sources.

New Business

Banner Safety

- Given a recent public safety conversation, the council will plan to speak with the ECDC regarding banner safety, installation, and ongoing maintenance to brainstorm the best plan of action going forward to ensure the banners are positioned safely and their upkeep is sustainable.

Interview of RAC Secretary Candidate Danielle Roth

- Danielle briefed the council on her background, history and involvement on the council and expressed her intentions should she be appointed Secretary.

Interview of RAC Treasurer Candidate Mike McNamara

- Mike briefed the council on his background in accounting, involvement in the town and the arts, and interest in the position of Treasurer.

Executive Session

- Jennifer made a motion to approve Danielle Roth's candidacy. Raje seconded. Tracey recused herself from the vote. The vote passed unanimously with remaining members.
- Raje made a motion to approve Mike McNamara's candidacy. Joe seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm following a motion made by Raje and seconded by Mike. All approved.

The next meeting will be 4/6/2022.