

Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

October 5, 2022 at 7:30 PM

**Town Hall Large Conference Room
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut**

Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present: Tracey Bryggman, Amy Casey, Colleen Cash, Joe Collin, Jennifer Dineen, Joshua Fischer, Pamme Jones, Raje Kaur, Mike McNamara, Danielle Roth

MEETING TO ORDER

Colleen made a motion to call the meeting to order. Raje seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm.

MINUTES

Mike made a motion to approve minutes from the September 2022 meeting. Raje seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The council was briefed on the Town Budget, Trust account, and CT Humanities Grant expenditures. Everything has been processed and cleared in the account.

Old Business

Town Budget & Humanities Grant Spending

- The council further outlined next steps in obtaining price quotes and estimates by the November meeting. Members were assigned to specific tasks to complete before the November meeting so final decisions and purchases can be made.

Cultural District Award Discussion

- Jennifer made a motion to approve the copy for the Cultural District Award. Pamme seconded. All approved.
- The council decided that they should further outline the Nancy Comstock Award to further distinguish the difference between the awards as well as further discussions with any changes that should be implemented to the BTS awards for the coming year.

2023 Calendar Planning Update

- The council reviewed potential changes to monthly meetings for the 2023 meeting schedule and settled on two potential options. A decision will be made at the November meeting as to whether the monthly meeting date/time will change for 2023.

New Member Recruitment Update

- The Ridgefield Press has agreed to publish an article on behalf of the Ridgefield Arts Council and will feature our search for new members. The council discussed potential new members from personal networks and all were asked to invite prospective members to attend the November meeting.

Other Group Updates as needed

Banners

- All organizations have submitted their banner requests and the schedule is being finalized. The draft of the schedule will be circulated to members in the next week to review.

ARPA

- The Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for October 6th where the RAC/ECDC request for non-profit arts organization funding allocation will be up for a vote.

Generator

- A fall Generator is being planned with a theme of “artists in space”. The council will further discuss the venue and details and plan accordingly.

EDR

- The next Executive Director Roundtable is scheduled for the morning of October 21st and will be held at the Ridgefield Playhouse.

New Business

Website Update

- Council members discussed next steps for redesigning the RAC’s website. Members of the council will do further research and will decide in November as to how much funds will be allocated toward the redesign. a plan and schedule for updating the RAC website. A member will reach out to the ECDC to obtain contact information for website designers who may be interested.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm following a motion made by Raje and seconded by Pamme. All approved.

The next meeting will be 11/2/2022.