

**Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting
September 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

In-Person Attendees:

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

Those Attending Virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3625596884>

Meeting ID: 362 559 6884

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Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (in-person): Tracey Bryggman, Colleen Cash, Joe Collin, Jennifer Dineen, Pamme Jones
(left at 7:38pm), Raje Kaur, Mike McNamara, Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): Amy Casey

Excused: Joshua Fischer

Guests: N/A

MEETING TO ORDER

Colleen made a motion to call the meeting to order. Dani seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

MINUTES

- Tracey made a motion to approve the July 2023 Minutes. Raje seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The council was briefed on last FY's spending as well as where we are in the current FY.
- The council discussed the timeline for preparing next year's budget request and hopes to solidify the request by the October meeting.
- The council discussed our remaining CT Humanities grant balance and the need to review/assign the remainder of the funds before the end of the year.

Old Business

Music & Art in the Park Recap

- 23 Visual artists signed up, but only 8 participated (largely due to heat).
- Results from a participation survey were presented, reviewed, and discussed amongst the council.

- *Pamme left the meeting at 7:38pm*
- Going forward, the council discussed presenting the event in the Fall and considered implementing some of the feedback from the visual artists for the next iteration of the event.

Our Artists Our Schools Discussion

- The council confirmed that \$1000 of the FY budget will be reserved for the Our Artists Our Schools initiative.
- The council discussed implementing programming for the 23-24 school year that would be targeted towards specific courses taught during the school day. The council member spear-heading the initiative will present the council with a list of current school courses to refer to for potential artists to participate.

Group Updates as needed

Banners

- The banner schedule was sent out for review by the council. The council discussed making sure our banner participant list is up-to-date before sending out the submission request form.

ArtsWatch Column

- Next column will appear in October.

Cultural District

- There will be a town walk-about where members from other towns will be coming to Ridgefield for a walk about town.

EDR

- The September EDR will be held on either September 22nd or September 29th date TBD based on space availability.

RAC Mission Discussion

- The council reviewed the previous notes from the July meeting in regards to our mission and decided a draft will be circulated to all council members. Council members agreed to review in advance of the October meeting,

New Business

Ballard Park Stage

- The council was briefed on some discussions regarding the Ballard Park stage and the possibility of having a more permanent, structurally-sound stage built as well as the challenges associated with that potential project.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm following a motion made by Raje and seconded by Mike. All approved.

The next meeting will be 10/4/2023 at 7pm.