

**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.