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Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2021

Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

RAC Members in attendance (via Zoom): Jennifer DiLaura, Hilary Aronow, Andrew Okrongly, Joe Collin, Raje Kaur, Tracey Bryggman, Dani Roth, Pamme Jones, Josh Fischer, Colleen Cash

Excused: Jennifer Dineen, Amy Casey

Guest: Katie Diamond, Shelley Terry

**At 2:00pm, due to the grant deadline, a Special Meeting to Discuss ACT's NEA Own Town Grant Proposal was called for 5pm on this day.**

- ACT is applying for an NEA Our Town grant. These grants support projects "that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization."
- Katie presented the concept for the grant proposal and various RAC members asked questions of her and Shelley.
- Katie and Shelley were excused from the meeting.
- The council discussed various aspects of the proposal and if it met the following criteria:
  1. Did we have enough information in the short amount of time allowed to weigh all aspects of this precedent setting partnership?
  2. Is the framework consistent with our mission to serve the creative community as a whole and does it uphold the integrity of the council?
  3. Is it a meaningful partnership?
- A vote was taken-9 members voted no on becoming a partner, Pamme Jones abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm