

Cultural Council
Minutes
December 15, 2021

Members in Attendance: Joseph Bisbee, Jr., Daniel Callahan, Mary Pap, Marie Stoeckel, and Hong Vuong

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Joe made a motion to approve the November 17, 2021 minutes. Hong mentioned that her first name was misspelled in the minutes; Mary said she would correct the spelling in the minutes submitted to the Town. Marie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Joe explained to the council that the 2020 grant extensions were ready to expire at the end of the year. If the grantees who were granted extensions (given in 2020 due to Covid-19) did not use their awarded money and requested reimbursement, then the money would be rolled over to next year's pool of funds.

Joe said a letter was sent out to all the grantees who were awarded 2021 grants, stating that they need to request reimbursement soon.

The council discussed grant extensions in general and Joe and Mary mentioned how extensions were new and the state MCC offered them because of the pandemic. Hopefully, LCC's won't have to be faced with grant extensions in 2022.

Members began reviewing grant applications that have been submitted for the FY22 grant cycle. The council discussed the overall grants that were submitted as well as MCC guidelines and criteria that must be met in order to approve or deny a grant. Members deliberated on grant submissions that had unmet criteria.

Once deliberations were finished on all submitted grants, over \$34,000 was awarded, Joe reminded the council that those applicants whose grants were denied had 15 days to appeal to the MCC.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52p.m. Hong seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cultural Council will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00p.m.

Approved by:

Joseph Bisbee
Dated: 03/07/2022

Mary A. Pap
3/7/22