

WINCHENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL

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Official Meeting Minutes

Approved on: November 21, 2022

Date: August 23, 2022

Time: 5:30

Location: Remote via Zoom

Attendees: Present: Jill Sackett (Chair), Miranda Jennings (Secretary), Linsey Laserte, Molly Velasco, Camille Hart. Absent: Linda Hofhaug

Meeting Called to order on August 23, 2022 at 5:41 PM

Public Comments: There were no public comments to review

Member Comments: No member comments were made

Add agenda items

- ☐ Create a goal for the Cultural Council to model for the MPIC
- ☐ TWS Mural Project

New Business:

- ☐ Approved minutes from May 4th. Jill motioned to approve the minutes, Linda seconded, and they were unanimously approved
- ☐ Winchendon Skillshare Request to Expand: The request was made to expand the scope of impact for this program to additional age groups and venues outside of Toy Town.
 - ☐ Documentation of skillshares offered, cost and attendance is required
 - ☐ The committee unanimously approved to expand the scope of the Skillshare program while still maintaining the primary focus on youth, as well as an extension to June 15th, 2023.
- ☐ The Winchendon Schools will not be submitting for reimbursement for the mural grant. The mural will still be completed but because of bureaucratic changes, the Buy Local Mural project will not require reimbursement and the \$510 will be rolled over to next years' Cultural Council budget.
- ☐ MPIC Goals were drafted and unanimously approved (Jill made a motion, Linda seconded)
 - 1) **Update online Cultural Council priorities to include preferential use of historic buildings and churches by September 1, 2022, and inform potential grant applicants through accessible means by September 15, 2022**
 - 2) Conduct a 3-year retrospective of historic venue use for town and cultural council events with population served by November 1, 2022
 - 3) Conduct an inventory of all potential historic venues and assess accessibility for all population groups by November 1, 2022
- ☐ Camille with support of Miranda and Molly will create promotional materials to inform the community about the priorities.
- ☐ Council Priorities: Members reviewed and updated council priorities to include some of the new MCC suggested priorities for consideration.

Winchendon Cultural Council Priorities

The Winchendon Cultural Council gathers input from the community and develops funding priorities based on this feedback. This year the Winchendon Cultural Council will give priority to:

- Applicants that have secured a venue in Winchendon
- Projects that serve youth or the elderly
- Projects that align with Winchendon's Master Plan:
https://www.townofwinchendon.com/sites/g/files/vyhli8401/f/uploads/mp_final.pptx.pdf
- Applications from LGBTQ+ organizations and organizations that center BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) individuals and communities

In addition to the state criteria applications will be evaluated using the following review criteria:

- How well the program meets our local priorities
- Community support and involvement
- Evidence of track record and dedication of the applicant
- Ability to address the diverse cultural needs of a community's underserved populations or support diverse forms of cultural activities
- Demonstrated planning

Considerations for Council Priorities

- Prioritize applications from LGBTQ+ organizations and organizations that center BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) individuals and communities.

Agreed to NOT include as considerations for council priorities:

- Require that a revised budget (and project scenario) be submitted if the proposal is funded below a certain level?
- Limit the dollar amount awarded to any one applicant?
- Limit the number of applications that any one applicant can submit?
- Require applications to have cash or in-kind matches to maximize the grant dollars being distributed in the community?
- Set a ceiling on the percentage of a project that can be funded by your LCC (e.g., a maximum 50 percent of the project's cost)?
- Limit the number of years any one applicant can come back consecutively for funding for the same project or program?
- What aspects of field trips are eligible for funding? Tickets, travel, chaperones, guide fees?
- Allow capital expenditure requests?
- Fully fund a few proposals or partially fund many? If partially funded, can the projects be successfully completed?

- ☐ Molly reached out to the Housing Authority to identify a public space for community information to be posted.

Adjourned: 7:12 PM