

Town of Washington

Arts Council- Minutes

January 11, 2024 7:00 pm

Bryan Town Hall main conference room and zoom

Members Present:

Abdo Ballester, Fran Keilty, Karen Silk, Kent Burnham, Tracy Liz Miller, Victoria Rowan

Guest: Hugh O'Donnell

Staff: Michelle Gorra- Economic and Community Development Coordinator

1. Call to order 7:05
2. Consideration of the Minutes of November 9, 2023. Tracy moved to approve the minutes and Victoria seconded. All in favor
3. Old Business
 - a. Cultural District- One component of the Cultural District application requires the background of the members. Victoria is currently working on the annual report and would like to include the bios there as well. We discussed the missing background needed for the Cultural District is someone from a cultural organization. We will reach out to the Library and the Institute for American Indian Studies. Michelle drafted a letter of intent to establish a Cultural District to be sent to the Northwest Arts Council. Michelle is also looking for a sample resolution. Also discussed getting some paid help for graphic design for the application. It was suggested we include an oral history of local artists.
 - b. The Council reviewed the annual report for 22-23 to be submitted to the Selectman's office and approved what Victoria had written.
4. New Business
 - a. Budget for FY 24-25
The council discussed having more of a presence at the three town wide events by either sponsoring an artist, musician or arts activity. We will budget \$1,000 for each event to allow for signage/ banner. Marketing- 2 arts mailings @ \$1,500 and \$1,000 for expenses such as a sandwich board.
 - b. Approval of Calendar for 2024- Karen moved to approve the calendar, Tracy seconded and all voted in favor.
5. Sharing of Events- Michelle mentioned that the EDC was approached about hosting a restaurant week. The idea is being brought to the WBA and it was suggested that maybe there could be an art tie in as well. We will stay in contact regarding the idea.
6. Public Comment- we thanked Hugh O'Donnell for joining the discussion.
7. Adjournment- 8:27

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Gorra

Recording of the meeting

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