

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes of May 5, 2022 Meeting

These minutes are subject to approval by the NCAC, at the next meeting

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, held a meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022 in the Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman.

Members present: Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Roger Connor, Jen Cebry, Tracy Van Buskirk, Daniel Ferreira, Robin Lynch

Members absent: Robert Kaiser, Grant Ossendryver

Auxiliary members: None

Members of the Public: None

1. **Minutes:** It was moved that the minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting be approved: moved by Andrea, seconded by Robin, passed unanimously. It was also moved that the minutes of the April 14 Special Meeting be approved: moved by Tracy, seconded by Jen, passed unanimously.

2. **Officers' Reports:** None

3. **Treasurer's Report:** On behalf of Treasurer Jim Cebry, Jen Cebry reported that of the \$7,400 grant allocated from the Connecticut Culture Fund, we have spent \$1,200 on website development for the Newtown Art Festival (NAF), \$500 to Nancy Cole for logo design and \$500 to Linda Parsloe for graphic art development.

4. **Art Festival:** Laura shared some "Save the Date" cards to be posted as we see fit. A scheduled NAF meeting for May 12 will be replaced with emailed updates. Daniel reported that the music line up is all set.

5. **Grant from Connecticut Cultural Fund:** The next project will be the development of a new website layout for the CAC. The members discussed features they would like to have on the website including: arts calendar, lots of photos, overview of the NAF with link to its dedicated page, Newtown artist profiles, current exhibits at the Muni Center Gallery and showcase, links to other arts organizations, link to Edmond Town Hall events, a "Who We Are" page, and School Arts (to be coordinated with Michelle Hiscovitch).

6. **Scholarships and Grants:** A \$1,250 grant was awarded to the Friends of Community Center to purchase a black retail counter with LED lights to create a public art area outside of the Art Studio in the West Wing of the building. Local artist Julia Provey will submit a budget to the Grant committee to create a mural for the Community Center.

7. **Public Participation:** None.

8. **Community Center:** Jen Cebry reported that the second spring session is underway. In mid-June, camps and summer sessions will be starting up. The committee commented on how many options there are for kids in Newtown to participate in camps and summer programs: Community Center, Parks & Rec, SMART program, NYA, Two Coyotes at Sticks and Stones Farm.

9. **Public Art:** Jen is working with the town government on designating areas in Newtown that could be arts districts for public art. Suggestions included ETH, the library, the Pleasance. Rams Pasture was briefly discussed but there are no sidewalks. At Fairfield Hills: the Muni Center, Fruit Trail, an area from the Muni Center to the buildings where “The Doors” are exhibited. There was some confusion if within the COVID grant money, there is a line item for the arts. Laura will investigate.

10. **Municipal Gallery and Artisans’ Showcase:** A show of large scale paintings by Stephanie Adam and Carol Gaulin-MacKenzie. The Potters are in the showcase.

11. **Other Business:** None.

Roger moved and Robin seconded that we adjourn. No discussion. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Tracy Van Buskirk
Secretary
Newtown Cultural Arts Commission