



TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Medway Cultural Council

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MINUTES

Tuesday May 3, 2022 @ 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Cole Room, Medway Public Library

Members present: Crystal Buckley, Cyndy Ellis, Celeste Falcone, Phil Giangarra, Gail Hachenburg, Judy Moffat, Amna Saeed-Kothe, Valerie Shinas (via Zoom), Hazel Warnick, Jordan Warnick, Karyl Wong

Members absent: Angelica Crosby, Amy Rochford

Guests: Erin McCarthy, Deborah Kreisler-Francis

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

1. **Approval of Minutes** from April 19, 2022 - accepted without corrections.
2. **Sculpture Update** - Erin McCarthy joined via Zoom. Presented three different examples of the theme of Diversity and Inclusion and emphasized the examples are about the message, not specifically the images being presented.
 1. Children on a bench - interactive. One child is Black, one child has special needs - could be various images including sign language (discussed how braille, while visually representative, is not used much).
 2. One child in a wheelchair and one nearby - use of visual placement to demonstrate how the viewer can be biased - it was discussed that there may not be space to have a design like this.
 3. "We are all more the same than we are different." and "Everyone is welcome and everyone belongs" *i.e.*, two children together planting something/working towards a common goal. Gail Hachenburg motioned to pursue the theme with the image of two children at a bench. Seconded by Hazel Warnick. All in favor.

3. **Introduction of potential new member:** Deborah Kreisler-Francis introduced herself and spoke to why she would like to be on the Cultural Council.
4. **Officer's reports-**
Hazel Warnick presented the written report that was available to all CC members via email.
5. **Mural Update:** Gail Hachenburg reported that Jordan and Mike Cannistrano (the mural artist) accompanied her to the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The Parks and Recreation Commission voted to allow the proposed design on the far side of the wall, (facing away from the Peace Garden) while Parks & Rec await approval from the people who run the Peace Garden for the side facing the garden. Gail Hachenburg noted that while at the meeting, the Cultural Council members were informed that the Select Board may not be funding this project. As a result, Jordan will talk with Glen Trinadade and then Members of the Cultural Council may meet with the Select Board to discuss funding. Crystal Buckley noted the Peace Garden has its own set of funding - they have an interest in the wall but no financial burden. Discussion regarding possible grant money was discussed.
6. **Artist Spotlight: Valerie Shinas** - discussion around going outside of Medway for artists and/or broadening artists to include Culinary artists, Musicians, Dancers, Glass workers, Potters etc. Gail Hachenburg made a motion to broaden artists to outside of Medway, seconded by Crystal Buckley, all in favor. Crystal Buckley suggested all members of the CC bring artists suggestions to future meetings.
7. **NIAP Update:** Valerie Shinas will send her intention to the SB to detail her intentions to be on the NIAP Committee.
8. **Spring Photo Contest: Celeste Falcone, Valerie Shinas, Jordan Warnick** - Will be extended to the end of June 2022 - flyers will need to be updated
9. **Update on Social Media Sites:** Valerie Shinas is updating the site weekly. Getting some traction on the site. Discussed using the boost feature on Facebook. Crystal Buckley is familiar with this feature and offered to help to boost events on FB. GH made a motion to boost the Pixie festival on FB, JW seconded. All in favor
10. **Update on Signal Boxes:** Crystal Buckley reported she and Amy Rochford will wait until after the upcoming town election on May 17, 2022 to approach the Board. Crystal will reach out to Rich Eustis who is on the Historical Commission to see how the CC and HC can work together. All agreed we want to work cooperatively with the HC. Of note, the Historical Society is not involved with this issue.

11. Calendar Update: Jordan Warnick notes there are no submissions for the photo contest. All agreed to extend the photo contest to the end of June. Flyers for the photo contest will have to be updated. Gail H. spoke about the auction - will be done at the Willows - need volunteers. Crystal offered to help run it with Gail. Gail will speak with Mike about the paintings in the library to auction off as they were never intended to be at the library permanently.

12. Pixie Festival - Judith M updated all about the festival plans. Asked about involvement in Medway Pride Day. GH noted the CC was asked by Parks and Rec to help with a craft project at Medway Pride Day. GH will talk with Julie Harrington - is it Medway Pride Day or Celebrate Medway Day? Are they two different things?

13. Other Business - Amna offered to be the CC Secretary. A vote was taken and agreed unanimously. Jordan explained that the role is different from the recording secretary and provided details such as posting agendas and minutes. Jordan will provide a written document of the duties of the CC Secretary.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm