

Wayland Cultural Council
November 14, 2023, Remote meeting

Note: In compliance with the March 22, 2020, Massachusetts Office of the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, this meeting was live streamed on local broadcast on WayCam. Public comment was made available via the "hand raise" function on Zoom. The Chair, Rachel Sideman-Kurtz, identified by name all Wayland Cultural Council ("WCC") members in attendance (identified below).

Council members in attendance: Rachel Sideman-Kurtz (Chair), Pallavi Nagesha (Vice Chair); voting members: Ashley Fuller, Lynne Lipcon, Naresh Mysore (Treasurer), Rahul Ray, Nora Rothschild, David Wong, non-voting members: Dona Mitra, Annabelle Zhang (HS Student, Senior) and non-voting Student Liaison, Emma Li (HS Student, Senior).

7:04 p.m. Called to Order.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

New WCC Member

Dona Mitra was introduced and welcomed.

Review and Approve Minutes of 10/17/23 Meeting

R. Ray moved to approve minutes. A. Fuller seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously with roll call vote 7-0-0, Rachel Sideman-Kurtz, Lynne Lipcon, Naresh Mysore, Rahul Ray, Nora Rothschild, David Wong, Ashley Fuller voting in favor. P. Nagesha arrived after this vote.

Project Updates: Bulletin Boards, Banners

Banners are fixed with the correct Hindi spelling. Because A. Zhang was able to get permission from the WHS principal, one banner will be hung up at the WHS fence while we wait for the next registered slot at the 4 banner locations in Wayland.

Bulletin Boards have one side filled with Town History. P. Nagesha and N. Rothschild will hang up Diwali materials on Friday. R. Ray has some paintings to hang up in coming months. Looking for other materials to be put up.

Grant Cycle: Letters to Applicants, Grantee Reception (March 2024)

R. Sideman-Kurtz will write letters to applicants per MCC guidance. A grantee reception is being organized to celebrate the 2024 grantees. Tentative date is Monday March 18th 2024 for 1 hour before the Select Board meeting. Food and drinks will be served. Our local legislators will be invited to celebrate the grantees.

Future Planning: Possible Projects, Meeting with Town Manager

Town Manager was very receptive in a meeting with R. Sideman-Kurtz regarding expanding the Utility Box project and creating a Bench project.

Treasurer Update

Currently expecting \$335, 5% from MCC for administrative costs.

Currently have \$300 not claimed from 2023 grants.

Recently received a \$100 donation.

A Fuller moved to hold back an additional 20% for WCC projects (\$1,340). N. Rothschild seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with roll call vote 8-0-0. R. Ray, L. Lipcon, A. Fuller, N. Rothschild, N. Mysore, D. Wong, P. Nagesha, R. Sideman-Kurtz

Vote on Grant Recipients

WCC is allocated \$6700. After holding 25% back, there is \$5,025 to allocate. Plus from 2023 grants, \$300 that can be allocated, there is a total of \$5,325 to grant.

WCC received 31 applications for grants totaling just over \$21,000.

The following winners and allocations are as follows. While deciding on which of the applications were chosen, members that submitted applications abstained.

- Wayland Multicultural Festival- Wayland HRDEI (\$1000)
- Lunar New Year (\$500)
- MA High School Drama Festival (\$300)
- Girl Scout Gold Award Culture Celebrations (\$264)
- Free Drawing Time for Teens (\$311)
- Open Door Connections- Discovery Museum (\$400)
- Summer Concert Series – Wayland Council on Aging (\$300)
- Wayland Wellness Community Challenge (\$500)
- Golden Anklets (\$400)
- Flamenco in Wayland (\$600)
- Wayland High School Robotics (\$300)
- Signal Cabinet Historical Wrap (\$750)
- Story Time Quintet performs Peter and the Wolf (\$400)
- Classical music concert series (\$250)

R. Ray and D. Wong left at 9:10pm.

L. Lipcon moved to accept the grants as A. Fuller second. Unanimously approved with roll call vote 5-0-0. N. Mysore, R Sideman-Kurtz, L. Lipcon, N. Rothschild, P. Nagesha.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours

No items were brought up.

Adjourned at 9:31 p.m. Motion approved unanimously with roll call vote 5-0-0, Rachel Sideman-Kurtz, Lynne Lipcon, Naresh Mysore, Pallavi Nagesha, Nora Rothschild, voting in favor.

Next meeting: 12/12/23, at 7:00 p.m. in person. Respectfully submitted by Nora Rothschild