

Wayland Cultural Council
December 12, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Wayland Town Hall, Large Hearing Room

Council members in attendance: voting members: Rachel Sideman-Kurtz (Chair), Pallavi Nagesha (Vice Chair- arrived 7:15 p.m.); Lynne Lipcon, Dona Mitra, Naresh Mysore (Treasurer), Nora Rothschild. Non-voting members: Annabelle Zhang (WHS Student, Senior).
Absent: voting members: Ashley Fuller and David Wong; non-voting member: Student Liaison, Emma Li (WHS Student).

7:07 p.m. Called to Order.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Ms. Sideman-Kurtz informed the council that Rahul Ray has resigned from the council.

Review and Approve Minutes of 11/14/23 Meeting

Ms. Lipcon asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that while deciding on which of the applications were chosen, members that submitted applications abstained. Mr. Mysore moved to approve minutes as amended. Ms. Rothschild seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer Update

Mr. Mysore reported that due to a technical error in calculating grant allocations, we over allocated by \$961 last month.

Grant Cycle – Review Grant Awards, Award Notifications

In that we have \$2600 in the budget from previous years, Ms. Rothschild moved that we go forward with the allocations as voted last month and use \$961 from our budget. Ms. Lipcon seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Ms. Sideman-Kurtz will now notify those applicants who did not receive funding, and then notify those who did receive a grant on Dec. 27 or 28.

Grantee Reception

Ms. Nagesha will organize a simple reception. Date: 3/18- to be held in the COA area, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. All grantees, Select Board members, and state Reps will be invited. All council members volunteered to help as needed. Cost to be covered under administrative fees.

Future Planning: Possible Projects – Discussion and Vote

Ms. Sideman-Kurtz suggested that we purchase custom “Project of the Wayland Cultural Council” vinyl stickers with our logo which could be applied to the painted utility boxes. Cost for 10 would be \$100. Ms. Lipcon moved that we accept Ms. Sideman-Kurtz’s proposal. Ms. Rothschild seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Additional utility boxes and bench

Select Board has approved 4 more utility boxes for painting. Park and Rec has not responded re. placement of the bench. Three of the boxes are town owned, the 4th (at intersection of Rt.27/126 and Rt 20) is state owned. Permitting with Mass DOT is in process. Ms. Rothschild will follow up with them.

A bench with our logo could be along a trail or near a park. Cost \$300 to \$400. Ms. Zhang offered to investigate possibility of having a student artist involved as a community service project.

Ms. Rothschild moved that we put out a call for art and allocate funds (\$1400) for 2 utility boxes and 1 bench. Ms. Nagesha seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Mysore moved that we designate the following 2 utility box sites: 1st located at Pemberton and West Plain, 2nd located at Rt. 30 and Rice Rd. Ms. Lipcon seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Rothschild will contact Jane Purser for suggested places to post a call for art. Intent is to have this roll out in the spring.

It was suggested that a news article about specific WCC projects (such as utility boxes), the overall granting process, and the cultural enrichment that WCC makes available to the town would be an excellent idea. Ms. Zhang will speak with the Wayland Student Press Network editor. Ms. Lipcon will search out other news outlets.

Youth News

Ms. Zhang reported that the STEM fair was well attended.

Project Updates: Bulletin Boards, Banners

Ms. Rothschild reported that 1 banner remains at high school. Four will hang on town boards in early January. Ms. Rothschild and Ms. Nagesha mounted the current Town Building bulletin board display. Ideas offered for future boards: MLK, HRDEI, Women's History, Race Amity....

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours

No items were brought up.

Adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Mr. Mysore moved to adjourn. Ms. Nagesha seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Next meeting: 1/9/24, at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Town Building.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Lipcon