



Arlington Commission for Arts & Culture

MINUTES Thursday, April 4, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:30p

Location: Hybrid

- In-person - Town Hall Annex

Attendees: Christine Noah, Cristin Canterbury Bagnall, Greta Mastro, Nicole Cuff, Brian McMurray

Absent: Stewart Ikeda, Lidia Kenig Scher, Tom Formicola, Beth Locke, Sarah Morgan-Wu

Guests: Jessica Chao

Agenda

1. **Welcome** 7:00p-7:05p
 - Welcome to Greta in her first meeting as an official voting member!
2. For Approval: **March Minutes** 7:05p-7:10p
 - Stewart and Lidia give proxy to Christine.
 - Initially not enough people for quorum so we deferred voting on March minutes until next meeting.
3. **Minutes & Secretary** 7:10p-7:15p
4. **DPCD & Chair Updates** 7:15p-7:30p

Intertown 250 Meeting tonight, so Katie Luczai and Stewart Ikeda are not here, and shared written updates

[Town Annual report](#) has been published, including ACAC's report.

- From Katie:
 - Working with Cecily on the murals – AMP Steering Committee meeting on Monday.
 - Met Phil Eng (General Manager of MBTA) at the Gov's Conference and mentioned our efforts to put a mural on the Heights Bus Station to him

there and he said he'd see where it's at. Don't expect him to but the sentiment was kind.

- Met Michael Bobbitt at the Gov's Conference too... also Creative Ground – Stewart I'm sure you'll be there next year 😊
- PBS *Nova* is filming the Reenactment for a doc!
- ACAC is providing the music at the beer hall, thanks ACAC!
- Greta is an official ACAC member!
- Bikeway Block Party is gaining traction and might happen
 - Consensus on Bikeway Block Party. ACAC's main role should be as "connector" to local parks/rec contacts such as Friends of Spy Pond Park, Chamber/Whittemore, etc.
 - Laurie has been directly connected as well – Cristin will let her know this update.
 - Greta would be interested in helping out – send her info.
- Town Meeting starts on April 24th
 - Warrant article to amend the commissioner terms – check with Katie.
- Don't forget to share that MCC grants now cover operating costs!

4. **Fundraising Committee Update**

7:30p-7:40p

- Spring business appeals
 - Working on messaging with Jessica Chao.
 - Some would be renewals from previous years, some are new prospects.
 - Thinking about sponsors for Garage Band specifically since Ed wants a bigger budget (additional \$1,500 beyond what we have now).
 - Arlington Businesses for the Arts as general corporate membership program.
 - Cristin can do solicitation for Custom Contracting.
 - For Garage Band, if Ed sends, make sure that Christine is cc'd.
- Thinking about opportunities to fundraise for 250 projects (grant possibilities, partnerships with other orgs, house parties, etc.)
- Touched base briefly about fundraising for additional funds next year for Grants Committee to disburse in addition to regular MCC funds.
 - We'd like to invite reps from the Grants Committee to join the next Fundraising Committee meeting later this spring to flesh out / align on this idea.
 - Brian is on board with this plan.

5. **Discussion:**

7:40-8:00p

- **Patriot's Day Week 2024** plans are underway - the complete [schedule is here](#). We're looking for people to help table on behalf of ACAC and 250, possibly work with the Poet Laureate. We'll be playing a supporting role, contributing funds to pay for musicians. Some interest in bringing the [interactive colonial dance group](#)
 - Please come by or table with us if you can!
 - Jessica can be there. Let her know if we need set up or anything. Greta could be there too.

- **ACAC** would like to host a large-scale **Nonprofit Convening** at the Old Schwamb Mill on **Monday, April 29 at 6:30 pm**. Help will be needed by the commissioners.
 - Please mark your calendars!
 - Is this date set? Community Engagement is also that night.
 - Great time to mention the Bikeway Party
 - Connecting about 250
- Thanks to artist/designer **Maria Lobo** and frequent ACAC volunteer, who donated her time to creating the flier and posters for this year's Patriot Week; and to ACAC volunteer **Laura Grey**, who has been researching and writing feature articles on historic properties in town
- ACAC (and ACD) asked to support **Cyrus Dallin Museum's** request for new interpretive signage for statue and flagpole by Memorial Garden and Town Hall.
- ACAC asked to assist with promotions for **Cantilena Chorus** and **Poet Laureate** on May concert.

6. **Community Engagement Updates** 8:00-8:20p

- **Murals:** Murals Project Meeting Zoom Mon April 8 2:30-4PM
- **Sharing Community Stories Banners** update
- **Garage Band** to happen again this year
 - Ed Blundell organizing; who can help him?

7. **New Business** 8:20-8:30p

- Greta is happy to help with anything! Please send work her way!
- Congrats to Steven Ratiner on #200 Red Letter Poem by PL Jean Flanagan

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 7:00-8:30p