

Newton Cultural Council
Agenda
Friday June 19 from 11 am
Virtual – via teleconference
Dial: 617-454-5555 participant passcode:

Attendees: Amelia LeClair, Chris Pitts, Robin Stein, Lakshmi Narayan, Jan Feigenson, Grey Held, Kathy Hassinger, Jen Kaplan, Paula Gannon, Emily O’Neil, Rebika Shaw

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

CORRECTIONS TO 5/15 MINUTES:

- *Create Newton*
 - *Funded by the City*
 - *Next phase = creation of a new organization - Civic Moxie retained to lead those discussion and Newton Community Pride funded that discussion*
- *Checking in with Grantees:*
 - *Several have expressed reservations using Zoom, etc.*
 - *Several websites and software suggested as alternates:*
 - *[keep the rest of list below - hummingbird, etc.]*
- *Debated granting 1-time projects vs. annual projects*
 - *Offering each grantee three options:*
 - *Cancel*
 - *Postpone*

- *Go virtual*
- *Issues with projects that cannot be presented*

Vote not taken to approve the minutes because prefer to have the clarifications above made to the minutes and have the secretary present

6/19 Discussion re Create Newton structure:

- NCC will stay structured exactly as it is now due to agreement with the state
- But the work being done by the NCC can evolve within the scope of its goals

6/19 Discussion re grantees who cannot complete their projects:

- Example of ASL group who wants to change their program to be a website
- Decision by the NCC to give all grantees their grants regardless, in order to support artists
- Therefore, we can approve their grant, and then if we feel a website is not a good idea, we can encourage them to look at other options for reaching the public
- Offer a list of resources to the grantees as a way to help get online

B. Council members report on check in with applicants they reviewed

- Checked the spreadsheet
- More than half of them require further follow-up

- Suggestion - call those who have not responded by phone
- ***All Council members need to follow up and fill in the spreadsheet***

LINK -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3da0gWVJW9XY3JxNHRLM3puak85MzVWTDNjVTlldjBKTWRZ/view?usp=sharing>

C. Discuss requirement or all NCC members sitting on at least 1 committee

- Assess and create additional committees as appropriate and have all council members take a role
- Have an Annual Meeting where committees report back on their work, and elect officers

D. Catalog list and individuals serving on current committees

- List of committees made at previous meeting on 3/4/20 - on 6/19 updated the list of participants
 1. Nominating committee (Chris, Jane, Jen, Kathy, Grey)
 2. Adjudicating committee (Rebika, Chris, Christine)
 3. Reception committee (Kathleen, Jen, Jane)
 4. Community outreach committee (Emily, Robin) (combined with marketing)
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6. Diversity committee (Jen, Lakshmi, Kathy,)

7. Organizational development committee (Jane)

- a. Responsible for making list of committees
- b. Suggestion - separate meeting to have everyone express their goals for the NCC for the future
- c. Instead of having a small group decide for the whole org, have them set up a special meeting to just brainstorm this one special question
- d. Suggest putting off making this an official committee until later date

E. Discuss need for additional committees

- Suggest focusing on core functions at the moment because of current constraints and allowing for expansion of committees over time - combine some of the committees below (e.g. Marketing, Community Outreach and Diversity combined for now. Org Dev, Adjud, Nominating can be combined.) Ideally artists from different disciplines are on the Nominating committee - important function to nominate new folks to the NCC.

F. Set Date for Next Meeting

Next month have regular meeting

In two months have Annual meeting to elect officers and new members to be brought by the nominating committee.

Applications open in Sept, due Oct 15

G. Adjourn