Newton Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2021

Attendees:

Patrick Costello, Jane Feigenson, Paula Gannon, Kathy Hassinger, Grey Held, Lakshmi Kadambi, Jen Kaplan, Amelia LeClair, Danielle Moriarty, Emily O’Neil, Rebika Shaw, Robin Stein, Kathleen Wright, Guests - Candy Gold, Maura O’Keefe, Mark Trilling, and Amani Willett.

Meeting began at 9:05AM.

Maura O’Keefe, Assistant City Solicitor, City of Newton Law Department gave an overview of open Meeting Law.

* The Council is considered employees of the city, and with that must adhere to the proper policies and must ensure transparency in deliberation of public policy.

Approval Of Minutes:

* Meeting Minutes for the April 15th meeting were approved with edits.
* Meeting agenda and minutes can be found electronically on the city website under the electronic posting board

2020 Grant Updates:

* Kathleen Wright announced that 11 1/2 grants have been extended. Two are complete and seven are pending due to issues regarding venue and availability due to Covid.

Financial Update:

* Kathleen will step down as Treasurer at the end of the month and the Co-Chairs will step up as interim Treasurers
* State Funding has been received.

Diversity Update:

* Kathy Hassinger presented a flyer for this weekend’s Juneteenth event.
* Paula suggested using a marketing flyer that is already created and updating it.
* Emily suggested flyers should be distributed at all events.
* The committee put together a mission statement regarding anti racism. The Council will review this at the next council meeting.

Marketing Update:

* Robin Stein reported that Rakashi has reached out to the council asking for updates on their grantee’s - dates, social media addresses and email addresses.
* Jen asked about building the data base and including all past grantee applicants.

Adjudication Update:

* Patrick reviewed the grantee application and adjudication process.

Reception Update:

* September 23rd, 2021 has been set. Confirming the NAC if available.

Next meeting will be August 19th at 9:00A location to be determined.