



Newton Cultural Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2021  
Hybrid

Attendees:

Rakashi Chand, Chali Naru Dones, Paula Gannon, Candy Gold, Amelia LeClair, Danielle Moriarty, Emily O'Neil, Chris Pitts, Robin Stein, Mark Trilling

- Chris presented the list of all 81 grantee applicants and assigned each council member to a group of applicants.
- The council made sure that there were no conflicts of interest in their assigned applicants.

Process:

- Criteria for approving grants:
  - Applicant received by November 1.
  - Resident of Newton.
  - Dates of program from July 22 to December 23
  - due to covid no need to list venue.
  - ADA accessible
  - open to public
  - programmatic non discriminatory
  - impacts Newton citizens
- Criteria for disqualifying grants:
  - No public school programs
  - request for food and beverage
  - personal request for scholarship
  - capital improvement funding.
- Emily reiterated that it is important to reach out to each applicant via phone. This helps to clarify any issues. It is not mandatory to do this but has been helpful in gathering all needed information which allows the council to make its decision.
- Do not discuss chances of approval or funding possibilities with the applicant. Keep the discussion general in nature and limited to the questions regarding their applicant.

Scoring:

- 30% Artistic excellence.
- 15% Clarity and feasibility
- 25% budget
- 20% What's in it for Newton.
- 10% to enrich the community in diversity

On line scoring is available in the google doc - NCC adjudication form 2022. The council is urged to populate their results within this document.

The meeting ended at 6:30P.