

Provincetown Cultural Council (PCC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA.

Present: Tina Trudel, Brian O'Malley, Francine D'Olimpio, Robert Speiser, Judy Cicero, Grace Ryder-O'Malley

Absent: Cherie Mittenthal

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Previous meeting minutes reviewed. Motion to approve: Brian O'Malley. 2nd: Francine D'Olimpio. All in favor.

No public comments.

Board of Library Trustees representative Louise Vendon and Cheryl Napsha, Library Director joined us to discuss the possibility of locating the AIDS Memorial at the library. They reiterated that they would like to see the project move forward, but that they have commitments to their donors and also must comply to the Massachusetts Historical Society and ADA regulations. From their perspective it was the decision of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) that limits this location, not their own. The main issue seems to be the potential pedestrian obstacle.

They suggested two alternative locations: the Unitarian Church and the space to the east of the Bar Relief Park and the Pilgrim Monument's property.

Brian O'Malley asked if we put in the RFP that the size had to be restricted as to not obstruct the street with the Trustees be willing to let us utilize that space. They again stated that it was the Selectmen's decision and not theirs', but their understanding was that no it wouldn't work because of the traffic concerns.

Tina Trudel offered that we'll make CAD drawings and examples in Photoshop to bring to the BOS to show what it could look like.

Louise Vendon and Cheryl Napsha were thanked for being present and left the meeting at 6:30pm.

Tina will contact the BOS to see what their position is on the project and to schedule another meeting.

Discussion on Letters of Support

PCC wants to write letters of support. After some discussion it was mutually agreed that:

Letters would be written only to past grantees and will be written for both organizations and individuals

Applications need to be submitted 60 days before they are due

Applicants need to submit requested materials in full to be reviewed

The PCC will review each application

The PCC will keep track of each organization/individual that has requested and received letters

A sample application will be available for review at the next meeting

Discussion of Representative Sarah Peake's Public Art commission that is now studying art in public spaces. Commission is currently doing research until January 2014 so this is a great opportunity to write letters in support of public art to the state senate and House of Representatives.

Grant press release was sent out in early March though we have yet to see any mention in the local press. Tina will follow up with local media outlets.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 6 at 6pm at Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Robert Speiser. Second by Brian O'Malley. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Ryder-O'Malley

Vice-Chair & acting Clerk