

Provincetown Cultural Council Meeting Minutes July 22, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm in the Caucus Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA.

Meeting minutes were not available, will be reviewed at next meeting.

No public comments.

Trudel presented group with press release as submitted to the Provincetown Banner regarding the grant cycle and AIDS Memorial.

Review of talking points for the 7/22/2013 meeting with the Board of Selectmen regarding the AIDS Memorial. Trudel dispersed 22 point timeline and synopsis of this process to emphasize how long this has been going on. Speiser moved that we make a motion in support of the AIDS Memorial placement at Town Hall as well as the disbursement of the prepared timeline and synopsis. D'Olimpio seconded and all in favor. O'Malley expressed his interest in asking for a slightly larger space of 15 x 15'. Emphasis by the whole group on collaboration, welcoming input and wanting to finally move this process along.

Moved at 6:00pm to meet jointly with the Board of Selectmen in the Judge Welsh room.

PCC began discussion with the BOS at 6:50pm. Trudel presented the synopsis which was provided to the BOS in advance of the meeting along with slides from the previously-presented PowerPoint. PCC members expressed interest to BOS of seeing this move forward, two-decades of work put into the project, importance of the memorial to recognize the coming togetherness of the community in a time of crisis. O'Malley asked that they consider the 15 x 15' space.

BOS asked a few questions regarding other potential sites and why those were not possibilities. Reminder by the PCC that the outcome of the Public Hearing was the choice of the town hall and library as the two top locations.

BOS Chair Austin Knight moved that the AIDS Memorial be placed on the east lawn of town hall to be no larger than 15 x 15'. BOS member Yingling second. Some discussion ensued with the BOS regarding the enlargement of the space from 12 x 12' to 15 x 15'. Anderson and McChesney expressed hesitation about the larger space. Donegan asked that the location of the memorial be approved tonight and that the PCC come back to the BOS regarding the specific size once we got further along in the process. This could include making models/mock ups to show the impact of the size.

Vote taken, all in favor.

PCC thanked BOS for their time and support in this important project. Trudel moved to end PCC meeting, Speiser second, all in favor at 7:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Ryder-O'Malley

Acting Clerk