

PROVINCETOWN CULTURAL COUNCIL

November 15, 2005 - Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: By Cherie Mittenenthal – Chairperson at 4 pm

Members Present: Cherie Mittenenthal – Chairperson, Mary Alice Johnston, Mike Wright, Frank Vasello , Marian Roth, Amy O’Hara, Patty DeLuca, Greg Anton.

Members Excused Absent: Pasquale Natale, Dorothy Antczak.

Mass Cultural Council Grant 05 / 06 decisions

The board received updates from members who spoke with various artists regarding their proposals, then conducted a detailed review of the project budgets. An extensive discussion followed about the local artists and the direct impact of the project in the community.

There was also some discussion about procedures and timelines for grant approvals, and the possibility of having Massachusetts Cultural Council send a representative to the area to train or assist local artists in preparing grant applications.

<u>Proposals selected are:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
1- Cid Bolduc, Beautify the Streets	\$ 800.
2- Susan Grilli , Experimental Jam	600.
6- Midge Battelle, Redemption Spirit Mask	600.
8- Iren Handschun, Portable/Movable Studio	500.

Motion by: Mary Alice **Second:** Marian
To fund the four proposals listed in the amounts shown.

Yea: 8 Nay: 0

Provincetown Poet Laureate – update

It is time for the PCC to select a new Poet Laureate. There is \$1500 available to support this recognition and expression of poetry in the community. The board discussed the options of selecting a new person.

The following criteria was discussed;

A Provincetown based poet of exceptional talent, whose work embodies the spirit Provincetown. Someone suited for public presentations at Town Hall and in the school system and willing to serve in this community role.

The following outline for a selection process was discussed;

Board members will create a list of nominees. A writer/poet not on the nominee list will be chosen to assist in the selection process. The board will verify each nominee’s willingness to serve, and review their work.

Suggestions of persons to nominate included;

Melanie Braverman, Dennis Rhodes, Sheila McGuinness, Mark Doty, Lynn Stanley, Keith Althaus, Connie Black, Gail Mazur.

The board felt it important to put more thought into possible nominees and the selection process, as well as include input from members who were not present for this meeting.

Motion by: Patty **Second:** Mike

To continue the discussion until the next meeting. Members will bring additional suggestions for nominees and criteria for selection.

Yea: 8 Nay: 0

**Revisit Dollars for public Space \$\$ through the VSB –
In Waterfront Park**

Cherie advised the board she will send a letter to the TM and BOS to request a place on the agenda to discuss the “Art in Public Places Project.” This is regarding the use of VSB funds allocated to the Cultural Council to expend on the Art In Public Places and AIDS Memorial Project.

Cherie will advise members once the meeting is scheduled. She encourages all members to attend. Marian is not available on 12/5.

New Members update

Frank Vassello has been sworn in as a member.

Daniel Kells officially resigned which makes room for Rena to become a member. She was approved by the board at the last meeting and simply needs to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Melanie still needs to “officially” resign. This will leave an opening on the board. Mike encouraged everyone to bring suggestions for new members to the next meeting.

New Business

Cherie advised the board that on Monday, November 21, at 10 am in the Town Hall Auditorium there will be a presentation, involving several agencies and groups, about tourism as it relates to arts and culture. She invited all members to attend.

Approve minutes:

Motion by: Marion Roth **Second:** Mike Wright

To approve the minutes of 10/27/05 as written.

Yea: 8 Nay: 0

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday 11/29/05 at 4 PM.

Frank will not be present.

Motion to Adjourn by: Mike Wright **Second:** Patty DeLuca

Yea: 8 Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Anderson
Recording Secretary

Approved _____ at the meeting of April 19, 2006.
Cherie Mittenthal, Chairperson