

Provincetown Cultural Council  
February 10, 2014  
Meeting Minutes  
Provincetown Town Hall

Present: Judy Cicero, Robert Speiser, Cherie Mittenthal (acting Chair,) Brian O'Malley (clerk); Donald Whitcomb, and Francine D'Olimpio by conference call.

Excused: Grace Ryder-O'Malley

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. New Council Member Donald Whitcomb welcomed. There were no public comments.

Minutes of Dec. 10, 2013 were revised to reflect the fact that Mittenthal will be building a Facebook page for the PCC, and not just the AIDS Memorial. The Minutes of Jan. 8 will be for approval next meeting.

A report from Ryder-O'Malley on the recent State Ethics Commission presentation was reviewed, and Council members reminded that Ethics training online is required every two years.

We discussed the particulars and the process of seeking a Cultural District designation for Provincetown. Apparently a good deal of supporting data about Town over a ten-year span will be required, and the benefits are limited to a pair of signs (that we would have to purchase at \$100 each.) Cicero and Whitcomb will continue to explore this possibility, for our next agenda.

Suggested edits to RFQ for the AIDS Memorial had not been incorporated for distribution for technical problems. Paper markups were distributed. It will be electronically mailed to all, with reply for discussion only to Speiser.

A sign to solicit interest and donations, to be placed at the site of the Memorial, will require Building Inspector approval, and will be allowed to remain 90 days. We will aim to have this ready for the summer season for maximum impact.

On a nomination by Mittenthal, Robert Speiser was unanimously elected Treasurer.

As the Council liaison to the Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee, Speiser sought input. O'Malley suggested that we reconsider the Town rule specifying that all PCC members must be Provincetown Residents, to permit residents of Truro, at least, with some real connection to this Town, to serve.

Whitcomb suggested that an Arts Festival was a natural. The history of the Fall Arts Festival was reviewed. D'Olimpio remarked on the diversity and quality of the arts festivals in Florida, and noted the potential for resistance from gallery owners. No decision made, but we will return to this discussion.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm