Salem Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

1. Roll Call

Councilors present: Robin Panzer, Sam Lim, Melissa Stockbridge, Matthew Malone, John Dobroski, Matthew Cornell

1. Prior Meeting Minutes Vote

Unable to vote, meeting minutes not posted online

1. Discuss Treasurer Position

Chair presented what the position does and asked Councilors who might be interested to let us know in our August meeting

1. Upcoming Events the Council Funded

Chair encourages Councilors to continue to attend these events

1. 2023 Theme and Priorities-Need to be Posted in August

After much discussion around what types of projects we would like to see in 2023, the council decided on a theme and priorities for next year. Emphasis was placed on having applicants who want to create large, impactful work. Priorities are below:

2023 Grant Priorities

Theme: Connecting Salem to its Vast History

The Council encourages applicants who would like to create a large permanent, semi-permanent, or enduring project that fits the theme to apply. We will consider committing a significant share or the majority of our funds to this type of project.

• Applicants who reside, work, have an organization in Salem or have an established partnership with an organization based in Salem.

• Programs that activate unexpected or underutilized canvases and performance spaces within the city of Salem.

• Programs that take place in Salem or benefit the residents of Salem.

• Programs that celebrate and promote the diversity of our community.

• Programs that are educational and accessible for the community, regardless of age or ability.

In addition to the state criteria, applications will be evaluated using the following review criteria:

How well the program meets our local priorities

Evidence of track record and dedication of the applicant

Ability to address the diverse cultural needs of a community’s underserved populations

Demonstrated planning (i.e., the ability to complete the project within the cycle year)

Financial need

Chair called for a vote by roll call, unanimously approved

1. Remote/In Person Meetings Pushed to September

Chair explained how in-in person and hybrid meeting would be our only options starting in September and that a quorum must be present on-site even for a hybrid meeting.

1. 2023 Grantee Party

On hold until MCC allots the Council 2023 grant money

1. Any Additional Business

Councilor Panzer presented the new SCC website and design, which looked great, we will now update the links on social media and the City page.

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM