

Provincetown Cultural Council

Caucus Hall, Town Hall

October 27, 2005

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Cherie Mittenthal – Chair, Pasquale Natale, Patty DeLuca, Amy O’Hara, Marian Roth, Mike Wright, Dorothy Antczak, Maryalice Johnston, Greg Anton (arrived 10:20 and left 11:30) Frank Vasello and Rena Lindstrom, guests.

Meeting called to order by: Cherie at 10:10 am

Cultural Council Grants

There is \$2500 available to award. There is \$11, 485 in requests.

Members wish to focus the funds on Provincetown artists first then, fund Provincetown based art projects. Each member reviewed the applications individually. Then the applications were discussed for their applicability under Cultural Council Guidelines.

Marion reminded the members that groups funded by the PCC last year are not eligible.

The following applications were considered in more detail:

1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,15,18.

After a group review of the above applications, the selection was narrowed to:

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| 1] Cid Bolduc, Provincetown, MA | \$800 |
| Beautify the Streets of Provincetown | |
| 2] Susan Grilli, Provincetown, MA | \$750 |
| Experimental Jam | |
| 6] Creative Empowerment, Midge Battelle, | \$1,900 |
| Redemption Spirit Mask Project | |
| 8] Iren Handschun, Wellfleet, MA | \$1,200 |
| The Portable/Movable Studio | |
| 15] Tales of Cape Cod / Swaluk | \$250 |
| Oral History Preservation Project | |

Specific members of the council will have further discussions with each of these applicants to gather more information about their projects. Members will report at the next meeting.

(A complete list of the LCC grant applications received is attached to these minutes)

Provincetown Poet Laureate – update

No update available.

Revisit dollars for public space \$\$ through the VSB

Art in Public Places - Waterfront Park

Pasquale explained he had a recent discussion with Cheryl Andrews about the proposed waterfront park. His feeling was the project either, would not happen or will be delayed indefinitely. He also had a discussion with Barbara Rushmore about another site at which to use funds available for immediate expenditure.

They felt the key location is at the corner of Bradford Street and the High Pole Hill exit road. The location would be known as High Pole Hill Park. It is owned by the town and presently has one bench located at the site.

The members discussed different funding options.

The PCC acquired approximately \$13,000 through the VSB, 3 years ago to create various art displays throughout town.

An additional \$5000 was approved by BOS and VSB for an AIDS memorial at Waterfront Park.

Pasquale would like to create a proposal for BOS that brings all funds together for use in the High Pole Hill Park area. The PCC would oversee the project, create the RFP process, and commission the artwork/memorial for display at the site. Other members agreed this is a location and request they will support.

Motion by: Pasquale

Second by: Cherie

To request a spot on the BOS agenda to discuss Art in Public Places.

Yea: All **Nay:** 0

New members update

The group discussed the addition of new members. Marion verified the process with the Town Clerk. The Council is allowed 12 members. One seat is currently open which can be filled by a request of the PCC. Melanie needs to formally resign in order to create an additional opening. Cherie needs to email the Town Clerk that Daniel has not participated. Then, the Town Clerk will remove him from the council. This will create a third opening.

Two persons present at the meeting wish to become members.

Motion: Cherie

Seconded: Mary Alice

To accept Frank Vasello as member of the Cultural Council

Yea: All **Nay:** 0

Motion: Mary Alice

Second: Patti

To accept Rena Linstrom as member of the Cultural Council, pending the required process.

Yea: All **Nay:** 0

New business

Mike spoke with Liz Hargrove, Licensing Agent regarding the retail law and the artist studios.

Mike reported that the new licensing board/registration fee from the Town for artist who open their studios to the public is creating a stir within the art community. The licensing agent considers this a retail space if it is open to the public. Once the owner/artist is required to have a "retail license", then "required signage regulations" came into consideration. Then "fire inspections" may also be required.

There was some concern that this issue could drive artists underground by forcing them to stop promoting their studios.

There was a brief discussion about members and other artists attending the 11/2 Planning Board meeting at 7 pm to voice their opposition to the "retail regulations" applicability to open studios.

The board agreed by consensus to get FAWC, PAAM and other artists involved in preparing information for a by-law change at Spring Town meeting. The PCC can get articles on the warrant without the petition process.

Mike will find out if drafting an article is the best approach for a long-term solution to this immediate concern.

Meeting Schedule

There was a brief discussion about which meeting time and day is best for the majority of the members to attend.

The next meeting of the PCC will be Tuesday, November 15th at 4 pm

Motion to adjourn by: Mike

Second by: Cherie

Yea: All **Nay:** 0

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by:
Carla Anderson, Recording Secretary

Cherie Mittenenthal (I will bring in signed)

11/25/05

Approved by Cherie Mittenenthal, Chair

Date