

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:33:pm by Lesley Marchessault, Chair

Other council members present: Craig Combs, Paul Arthur Kelley, Hilary McHugh, Bill Burton, Cherie Mittenthal

The meeting was held in the Cape Cod Room at the Provincetown Library.

Public comments were requested. No members of the public were in attendance.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the May 22, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Bill Burton motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Hilary McHugh seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Jerome Smith Project**

The council discussed the Jerome Smith Road (former VFW site) project, a planned 65 unit new construction multi-family development in Provincetown to address affordable housing. Lesley Marchessault, Chair was approached by the leadership of the Community Development Partnership to ask her to bring the project to the council's attention for the specific purpose of asking for the council to support the project.

Cherie Mittenthal made a motion that the council write a letter in support of the Jerome Street Project. The motion was seconded by Lesley Marchessault. The motion passed unanimously.

**Aids Memorial**

Lesley Marchessault brought to the Council's attention that she had met with Kate Carey, the Town Finance Director, about our Cultural Council grants. In that discussion, she and Kate also talked about the AIDS memorial funding. Kate informed Lesley that the monies to pay for the sidewalk were taken out of the AIDS memorial fund, even though Bill had cleared it with Rich Waldo that the DPW would cover those costs. Kate offered to ask the new head of the DPW, Jim Vincent, if the department would honor Jim Waldo's agreement to reimburse the Cultural Council.

Within the context of this discussion, the council discussed the pros and cons of putting up signs around the memorial asking people not to sit on the memorial. To some it seemed disrespectful for people to sit on the memorial especially while eating and drinking. An alternative view was that it was a good thing that the memorial be seen as accessible and part of the fabric of the community. There was a general consensus to gather some information and delay decisions about benches and signage till after the grant season in the new year.

**FY 23 Grants discussion**

The Council will have a total of \$15,500 to distribute in December with \$ 5,500 from MASS Council and \$10,000 from the town. There may be a small additional amount of unused money from last year but that cannot be determined until January.

**Next Meeting**

Dec. 6 5:30pm

Bill Burton made a motion to end the meeting and Craig Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by Craig W. Combs