

Arts Council Meeting Minutes
9/12/23

Meeting began at 7:05 PM

In attendance:

Garrett Williams

Anna Polesny

Kaye Carroll

Ron Smith

Eamon Edge

Mai Belitsky

Brian Foote

Alyona Skripka

Michael Brown (new member)

Jesse Hassenger

Alan Seewald, city solicitor

Brian presented meeting minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes were approved unanimously

New Council member - Michael Brown

Michael introduced himself and gave his background

Current Arts Council members introduced themselves and welcomed our new member

Alan Seewald was welcomed into the meeting to give a background regarding the responsibilities of Arts Council members.

Alan explained open meeting laws

All meetings, including subcommittee meetings, are subject to the same open meeting rules

Any documents produced as part of Arts Council business are public record, must be made publicly available, and must be preserved.

Alan invited the Arts Council members to contact him if they have any questions about conflict of interest. We are entitled to an opinion about conflict of interest by the city solicitor

Alan spoke about the roles and responsibility of the Arts Council membership.

Jess shared an update about the Poet Laureate subcommittee

They have a final list of three people (a ranked list of first, second, and third choice)

In case their nominations chose not to accept, they have a larger pool from which they can draw

The poet laureate subcommittee is Matt Donovan, Jason Montgomery, Chalee Choi, Jamila Gore, and Jessie Hassinger.

Jessie will make a document with finalists to share for next meeting

Jesse left the meeting at 7:48

The Arts Cabaret Subcommittee shared an update about their progress
The date is in flux, likely now to happen in mid- late January

Concern for the lack of pay for the artist was expressed by committee members

The subcommittee will reevaluate the policy about pay and will speak to the city solicitor

Ron offered to contribute Back Line for the event

Garrett made a motion to reschedule the Arts Cabaret for January
Michael seconded the motion

The motion passed unanimously

Youth Poet Laureate search update: Garrett asked to be released from leading this charge

Kaye moved to table the search for a youth poet Laureate until a champion can be found to take up the responsibility

The motion passed unanimously.

Brian gave an update on the LCC grant round

Online applications are open
Press release has been sent
Deadline for application is October 19th
All grants must be awarded by January 2024

The council discussed doing a Diversity and Ethical Upstander training with Human in Common

Brian encouraged members to look at the website, do some research, and think about the idea of doing the training in general terms

Future Arts Council meetings will happen in person/ hybrid via Zoom and members are encouraged to meet in person if they choose to.

Brian shared info about a Pria Darshini show on Saturday, Oct 7th

Alyona talked about the Tiny Galleries and invites everyone to check them out

Motion to close the meeting was unanimously approved at 8:50