

Washington Arts Council

May 26, 2021, 7:00 via zoom

In attendance:

Michelle Gorra, Joanne Torti, Pastor Robyn Gray, Hermann & Waltraud Tammen, Shane Mongar, Kirsten Leon, Carol Maxwell, Dean Sargeant, Matt Kent, Emily Kent, Stephen Bartkus, Martha Winkle, Doug Winkle, Souby Boski

1. First question, How do we differentiate ourselves from NW Arts Council? Our focus is local to Washington.
2. Arts Council Mission statement with edits was shared. No one had further edits
3. We should make sure all events are posted at Explore Washington, NWCT Arts Council, Discover Litchfield Hills etc. Repetition is the key to advertising. Should the Washington Arts Council develop an email list? Looked at Explore calendar to see what was happening in Washington to make sure nothing was missing. Washington Friends of Music still looking for dates for concerts. Still concerned about COVID. Post hold the date. How can EDC and town help the arts community. Question regarding Kiosk, possibly at Judy Black Park. Happening in the Hills another venue for posting.

Zoom interruption due to power outage. Not everyone made it back

4. Housing is an issue: Challenge for artists to live here, challenge to bring visiting artists, dancers etc. Discussed the history of artists retreats in the area as well as boarding houses. Discussed having people "host an artist" project. Could we provide a "clearing house" for vetting artists? Create a pamphlet to help match artists with housing similar to hosting an exchange student. We will research to see if programs like this exists in other communities. WAA has hosted traveling artists within their membership. Maybe we could help compile a list of people willing to host.

Lost power again, no adjournment