

Washington Arts Council

Minutes

April 13, 2023- 7:00

Subject to approval of the Arts Council

Members Present:

Victoria Rowan, Abdo Ballester, Fran Keilty, Sarah Clemente

1. **Call to order** 7:00
2. **Motion-** Abdo moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2023. All Approved.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Update on Cultural District- Have not had a chance to work on this yet. Will have something to look at for the next meeting. Abdo asked if there could be an option to put a box on tax statements to donate \$1 to the Arts Council. Discussed that all councils would probably need to be included. May not be able to put on form but maybe an enclosure in statements.
 - b. Update on establishing a Washington Arts Council presence on Farmers Market Morning. The Arts Council can not set up at the Market but there was discussion of setting up somewhere outside the market on the triangle of glass or somewhere near. Could also include information from all the councils and organizations. Hopefully these other organizations would be able to help man the information board.
 - c. Summer postcard- Want to make sure we have an updated list of all arts organizations so we can reach out to make sure everyone is represented. Check in with Kent regarding possible July event at FGS.
 - d. Shared google arts calendar for planning purposes.
 - e. Arts Council logo contest. What should the parameters be? Would like to offer prizes maybe from WAA or Hickory Stick or improv class or an experience. Maybe we should save the experience for a fundraiser. The Arts Council should develop a tagline that reflects our mission to help guide the logo. Victoria suggested an artist's pallet with the symbols of the different arts in different color. Tagline suggestions: Art for all. Connecting all artistic endeavors for everyone. All the arts for all. Connections, endeavors, Connecting community to art. Want to be inclusive. The logo should work in multiple sizes. Abdo would like a sign on 202 mentioning "Washington Home of the Arts Council". Contest should be open for a month. If we want it to go out to the schools the contest should be ready to go by May. Could start mid-May and run through June.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Discussed having the Arts Council work with the EDC to help put together the art show from the Photo Contest. The Arts Council was enthusiastic about hosting an opening night party. We discussed the date of Oct. 6th before the Washington Harvest Festival which is Oct. 8th and could stay up for a week in town hall.

- b. New Ideas. Discussed adding an “arts map” to the Washington guidebook. A new printing will probably not be for several years but it will be kept in mind for the future. Sarah thought it might be nice for the Arts Council to host periodic contests in the various arts. Could also recognize or celebrate artists in town. Discussed hosting a once a month or periodic “open class” in various arts. Also would like to invite people to join the Arts Council making the meeting more open.

5. **Public Comment**- none

6. Meeting adjourned at at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Gorra
Economic and Community Development Coordinator

Meeting recording:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOdiV_bwFM4&t=3602s