

## **Town of Washington**

### **Arts Council**

#### **Minutes**

May 11, 2023- 7:00pm

Bryan Town Hall main conference room and zoom

#### **Members Present:**

Abdo Ballester, Fran Keilty, Kirsten Leon, Victoria Rowan

**Visitors:** Kerri King

**Staff:** Michelle Gorra- Economic and Community Development Coordinator

1. **Call to order** 7:03
2. **Vote to approve Minutes** of April 13, 2023. Fran moved, Kiersten seconded, all in favor.
3. **Updates**
  - a. Congrats to all on Give Local Wins, Give Local for next year  
Many Washington organizations did really well fundraising this year at Give Local. The Arts Council would like to participate next year and Michelle will ask the business office if we are able. Also, we would like to ask if a contribution can be made through the tax bill for the Arts Council.
  - b. The logo contest wording was discussed. We agreed to have 3 finalist who will get a membership to WAA. The winner will also receive a gift certificate to Hickory Stick. The deadline for submissions will be June 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. The Arts Council had its first appearance in the boards and commissions email that goes out from the Selectman's office.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Update on and review of Cultural District work. Karen and Victoria started a document listing cultural assets and questions for moving forward. The sub-committee will meet with Steph Burr of the Northwest Arts Council to go over questions and figure out next steps. Their progress will be brought back to the full Arts Council.
  - b. Name for EDC Photo Exhibit. Thoughts on WAC opening night event Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. The Arts Council need to come up with a name for the Photo Exhibit so promotion can begin. Michelle will work on securing the stands for the exhibit. There was discussion of selling the artwork. The photographers will need to be contacted for

permission and we will discuss where the proceeds should go. We could ask the photographers if they would consider donating the proceed to the EDC and Arts Council.

- c. Manning "What's happening" sandwich board on Saturdays. We have a sandwich board that has information including brochures and postcards on one side and the title "What's Happening this weekend" on the other. We are going to try to set up in the Plaza every Saturday. We will have to sort out how to store the board and pass along to who ever is working the next week. Will try to get ready in time for Memorial Day. We would like to put together a flier about the Arts Council.

5. New Business

- 6. Public Comment- Kerri King asked about being able to participate on zoom. She also asked about what the cultural district is.

7. Adjournment 8:18

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Gorra.

Meeting recording

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-VeSA-vwE8>