

## **ACTON BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2023  
7:30pm  
REMOTE MEETING

### **DRAFT**

**Present:** Jin Yang, Ben Davies, Brijesh Singh, Mary Hurley, Chelsea Reinhold, Hongbing Tang

**Absent:** Eddy Zhao, Maria Paunescu, Nancy Savage

**Public Attendees:** Lisa Dawn (observer as potential member)

**Opening:** Chair Jin Yang opened the meeting at 7:37pm.

### **Regular Business**

1. Public Comments: Introduction to Lisa Dawn, who is interested in joining the community.
2. Review/approve meeting minutes from October 3, 2023. Tabled until Nancy Savage is present.
3. Treasurer's Report: Brijesh Singh presented FY 2023 Treasurer's Report. Reimbursement requests submitted on Oct 25 (MetroWest Writers Guild, ArtSpace, Nashoba Valley Chorale, Yin Peet). "Fitchburg Art Museum submitted reimbursement on 10/17. Brijesh will check and submit." Discussed 2024 budget, \$19,340, including carryover from 2022. JY motioned to approve the report. CR seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Film Advisory Group Update, JY says they discussed their submission for LCC funding, question raised about using some of ABCC admin funds to support.

### **New/Special Business**

1. Grant Season
  - a. Grants discussed
    - i. MH raised grant FY24-LCC-59548, Jennifer De Leon at ABRHS, asking \$2500, tabled due to high cost, will reconsider once other local projects have been discussed.
    - ii. MH raised grant FY24-LCC-68618, Combatting Hate and Prejudice, asking \$350, JY motions for \$250, BS second, approved.
    - iii. BD raised grant FY24-LCC-64605, Orquesta de la Revolución - Year 2, asking \$1250, BD motions for \$850, CR second, approved.

- iv. BD raised grant FY24-LCC-63128, Window Seat Literary Magazine, asking \$700, JY motioned \$550, BS second, approved.
- v. CR raised FY24-LCC-60572, Sing On!, asking \$500, JY motioned \$400, CR second, approved.
- vi. CR raised grant FY24-LCC-59948, Kids Concert Night featuring Mr. Vic, asking \$800, CR motions \$600, BD second, approved.
- vii. BS raised grant FY24-LCC-65522, Child's Play at Theatre III, asking \$750, JY motions \$600, BS second, approved.
- viii. HT raised grant FY24-LCC-63509, "Looking Things Over" Zora Neale Hurston, asking \$820, tabled until letter of support/venue letter received
- ix. HT raised grant FY24-LCC-62475, CrossTracks band performance, asking \$500, HT motioned \$400, JY second, approved.
- x. HT raised grant FY24-LCC-59264, Indian Art Workshop, asking \$1000, tabled until letter of support/venue letter received
- xi. BD raised grant FY24-LCC-63855, Diwalifest, asking \$2000, BD proposed \$800, BS second, approved
- xii. MH raised grant FY24-LCC-63193, Open Door Connections, asking \$500, tabled for now to wait for information about other cultural councils.
- xiii. JY raised grant FY24-LCC-57328, The Wizard of Oz, asking \$300, MH motioned \$300, BD second, approved.
- xiv. HT raised grant FY24-LCC-70053, Travel through the Art & History of the Silk Road, asking \$3650, tabled to wait for additional information regarding budget and venue letter
- xv. CR raised grant FY24-LCC-60504, Telling the Untold Stories of our Region, asking \$2500, CR motions \$500, BD second, approved
- xvi. JY raised grant FY24-LCC-61465, Stone Carving Symposium, asking \$800, HT motions \$800, BD second, approved.

- 2. JY & MH undertook brainstorming session on cultural district, next meeting to discuss will be held on 11/9
- 3. Next meeting: November 14, 2023 7:30pm over Zoom.

### **Consent Items**

- 1. None

Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Davies, ABCC