

ACTON BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2023
Virtual meeting

PRESENT: Jin Yang, Ben Davies, Brijesh Singh, Mary Hurley, Chelsea Reinhold, Hongbing Tang, Nancy Savage

ABSENT: Maria Paunescu, Eddy Zhao

PUBLIC: Alissa Nicol (Acton Select Board member and liaison to ABCC), PK Shukla (AB student Observer with interest in possibly joining committee)

President Jin Yang opened the meeting at 7:36 pm.

- I. Regular Business
 1. Public Comments: Ms. Nicol stated that she had been looking at the ABCC website and has not seen the minutes posted there. Nancy Savage stated that all meeting minutes have been sent to Eva Szkaradek at the Acton Town Hall (and also to Rebecca Harris in Boxborough). Ms. Nicol will check with Eva S about it. She also suggested that members of the committee get Acton email addresses, questioned about Docushare, and said that she will ask Eva S. to send us the information on how to get the Acton emails and Docushare.
PK Shukla stated that he is a sophomore at ABRHS and is observing with the possibility of doing volunteer work for the ABCC. Ms. Yang thanked them both for attending the meeting.
 2. Review and Approve meeting minutes:
Ms. Yang motioned to approve the minutes from 11/7/23 and 11/14/23. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- II. New/Special Business
 1. Grant Review
 - a. NS raised FY24-LCC-58931 and FY24-LCC-58974, both from the same applicant. **No vote was taken on this application.**
 - b. NS raised FY24-LCC-56969. NS motioned to deny due to distant location of event from AB, and high cost to attendees. MH seconded the motion. Motion to deny the applicant any funds was unanimous.
 - c. CR raised FY24-LCC-65611. CR motioned to deny funds, BS seconded the motion. Motion to deny any funding passed unanimously, **however left open the possibility if a support letter can be obtained.**

- d. BD raised FY24-LCC-70603. Due to ask amount and lack of support letter, BD motioned to deny funding. MH seconded. Motion to deny funding passed unanimously.
- e. BD raised FY24-LCC-72229. Due to no connection to Acton or Boxborough, as well as no letter of support, BD motioned to deny funding this application. MH seconded. Motion to deny funding passed unanimously.
- f. HT raised FY24-LCC-70053. HT stated there was no letter of support from library. HT suggested funding two of the five sessions and see if it's well attended this year. HT motioned to approve \$500 for two sessions. BS seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. MH raised FY24-LCC-59548. MH stated that this application had previously been tabled. CR motioned to deny funding this application. BS seconded. Motion passed unanimously to deny funding this application.
- h. HT raised FY24-LCC-59264. HT motioned to award \$500 for two sessions. JY seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. HT raised FY24-LCC-67192. Location is Lowell, no support letter. HT motioned to deny funding this applicant. BS seconded. Motion to deny funding application was unanimous.
- j. BS raised FY24-LCC-56481. BS stated that he is waiting for letter of support from library. BS motioned that the application be awarded \$800, then stated he wished to wait on the motion until receipt of letter.**
- k. NS raised FY24-LCC-68064. NS motioned to award \$1000. BS seconded the motion. Motion to award \$1000 passed unanimously.

Ms. Tang inquired of Mr. Singh the amount available for this year's applications, the amount being \$18,000. Ms. Tang suggested a review of all applications depending on if budget is met, or overspent.

- l. MH raised FY24-LCC-62364 and 62766. MH suggested \$250 award to each application. BS seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- m. BS raised FY24-LCC-69695. BS suggested waiting for the letter of support from the library and discuss at future meeting..**
- n. CR raised FY24-LCC-67793. CR motioned to award \$350 to this applicant. NS seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- o. BD raised FY24-LCC-68322. (Ms. Tang left the meeting during this discussion). BD motioned to award \$500. CR seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- p. BS raised FY24-LCC-63729. BS has received letter of support since last discussion. BS motioned to award \$250. MH seconded. Motion passed unanimously to award the application \$250.

- q. MH raised FY24-LCC-63193. JY motioned to award \$400. BS seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **JY stated that this application should have a second review after all applications have been processed, for a possibly higher award.**
- r. MH raised FY24-LCC-61363. Letter is needed to confirm library date. **To be discussed at future meeting.**
- s. HT raised FY24-LCC-56485. HT as requested support letter, but has not received. **HT will check with library as to how many sessions this application involves.**
- t. HT raised FY24-LCC-63509. Letter needed, **discuss at future meeting.**

2. Next meeting: December 5, 2023, December 12, 2023, and possibly December 19, 2023 if needed.

- III. Consent items
 - 1. None.

Motion to adjourn at 10:07pm. Motion unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Nancy Savage
ABCC Secretary