

ECA Meeting Minutes 2.6.23 | 6:30PM at 50 Payson, Conference Room B

Attendance:

Pasqualina Azzarello

Steve Collicelli

Tracey Eller

E. Maude Haak-Frendscho

Ted Perch

Rachel Phillips – Easthampton Cultural Council

Cyndy Sperry

Approval of December Meeting Minutes:

- December Meeting notes will hold until next time, lack of committee quorum

Public Speak:

- Why did Art Walk move? Lots more going on during the weekends in Easthampton, culturally, moving to second Thursdays avoids conflicts

Easthampton Cultural Council Discussion:

- Rachel, the Chair of the ECC, is here to speak with us – Rachel coming off the committee in August after forced turn-over (2 consecutive 3 year terms), as well as other members, the committee needs at least 3 more members come fall in order to receive MCC funds. Are separate committees, but if the admin is folded into the Planning office, the committee member work can be light and rewarding, giving away money and defining local priorities.

- Vote for the City Arts Coordinator to oversee the financial administration of ECC, and that ECA Coordinating Committee take a leadership role in recruiting ECC members, distinct committees that also can have some overlap in membership: unanimously voted yes by all members in attendance: Tracey Eller, E. Maude Haak-Frendscho, Ted Perch, and Steve Collicelli

Financial Update:

- Grants Received: \$15K from MCC for Cottage St Cultural District, poetry month programming & Cultural Chaos; \$7K MCC Economic Recovery Grant, unrestricted funds

- Will ask local sponsors and donors, as well

Programming Updates:

- Art Walk: first Art Walk of the year is coming up this Thursday, 5-8pm

- Studio Residency / AWE: gathering last week had to be canceled, turning to individual conversations

- Public Art: put out the RFP again with March 15 deadline

- Spring Programs: Poetry Month (April), Cultural Chaos planning in progress for June 10 from 12 – 5pm for 10th Anniversary

New Business:

- Will move meetings to 6pm for next couple months

Next Meeting: Monday March 6, 2023 at 6:00pm