



MELROSE

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Melrose Cultural Council Meeting
September 21, 2023
Worklery
7pm - 8:30pm

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By City Clerks Office at 11:10 am, Sep 03, 2025

In attendance: **Jim Bracciale, Jason Webb, Clio Moock, Lily Kaufman, Jenne Rayburn, Liz Lohnes, Sara Bolha, Nick Gleason, Lili Ravens, Sara Brookner and Laura Azevedo**

- JULY MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

- REVIEWED LAST YEAR'S OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE

Opening doors

Music dance - ask Jim

Roosevelt - form is ready

FYA -Jim to send a link to form that needs to be filled out as final report

- UPCOMING GRANT CYCLE

4 proposals received to date

Reviewed scoring criteria / composite rankings were explained / denial reasons /

Looked at Smart Simple online

- SURVEY RESULTS

213 replies - 12% increase over last year

People want free / outdoor events

-TREASURER UPDATE

Lily recommended reorganizing the google drive to make forms easier to find

Meeting next week at City Hall

-CREATIVE CONNECT WORKSHOP

Last Wednesday at MMTV..

25 attendees

6 groups organizations

Presentation by Opening Doors project

Good enthusiasm from other towns

- Discussion around how better to help potential artists submit applications:

-Separate fundraisers / video on website / office hours advertised via FB community pages

- PUBLICITY FOR GRANT CYCLE

Jim sent newsletter out on Sept 1

Maybe another email pointing to helpful materials

Discussion around how to connect submitters with other sources of funding — not just suggesting...but actually working more closely with Messina Fund (for example)

Connecting artists with events: ie Beer and Bites with a musician

Clio will talk to whoever does the daily news & get it in Mr. Merrills weekly email

-Next agenda item: how to work as a group to possibly present an event on our own "Melrose Cultural Council presents...."

Something that we don't see come through the proposals / what else can we set our sites on ?

8:35 ADJOURNS

