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CULTURAL COUNCIL

MCC meeting
November 14, 2024
7pm at Worklery

In attendance: Sarah, Jim, Jenne, Mel, Clio, Oren,...*anyone else I couldn't see?*
Laura and Lily on zoom

7:10 – opens

No public comment

Minutes from October meeting approved

Council member update: Mel is leaving, Jim suggested a new open call for (maybe) 5 new members?

Sarah: we could look back through who applied previously / several strong candidates

Jim: we could tweak press release and send out. Maybe looking for 5 new members?

Funding allocation

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We currently have \$39,332 available (document available on drive)

Project Evaluations

Motion that those rated lower (number 10) and below don't need to be discussed

Discussion about Between the Notes – we aren't going to fund BUT should we help her (or applicants in general) with project management? Are we equipped to do that?

Maybe suggest she reapply with solid feedback? Lily offered to help her with this? (they are acquaintances)

Magic – maybe connect him with the Farmer's Market?

Discussion around what to do with the ones who say they will take place at the Library.
It won't be open? They don't know what space will be available...
Should we eliminate those outright?
No because they could find another venue (possibly?)

Tareq – need to confirm location – Jim will reach out

Farmer's Market – not a close connection to Culture. Another example of needing guidance as to how to apply. However, we love the Farmer's Market and will fund in part and make suggestions for next year.

Sculpture Seekers: -- fun, original idea but maybe do it over one day or one month? Partial funding being considered

IN GENERAL – see notes on discussions for each project on the scoring sheet

HOMEWORK – look at spreadsheet and re-evaluate the NO's in red. Anything you feel strongly about, make a case for next time.

Next meeting: December 12

Discussion around creating a focus group with current grantees getting feedback on how we can better help them.

ADJOURN: 9:20pm