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Belmont Cultural Council

Minutes of March 3, 2021, 6:45-7:55 p.m.

Meeting Via Zoom

DATE: June 16, 2021
TIME: 2:42 PM

Attending: Nancy Linde (Chair), Evelyn Corsini, Volkan Efe, Annette Goodro*, Millie Rahn, Rebecca Richards, Juliet Jenkins*, May Ye, Vicki Amalfitano, Jenny Angel

Absent: Haixi Liu

* *non-voting members*

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from BCC meeting held 2/3/21 were accepted as amended.

2. Treasurer's Report

Annette Goodro reported that award money distribution is still waiting for Town to receive the funds from the State.

3. Grant Notification/Completion of Paperwork

- We discussed the Belmont Gallery of Art's Nesting Project which will run mid-to late-May, involving display of decorated bird nesting boxes at the Belmont Public Library and other prominent locations around town. Rebecca reported on the positive collaboration with the Belmont Garden Club.
- BCC members are continuing to obtain grant agreements and W-9s from grantees.

4. Member Responsibilities between March-August

- Grant liaisons should collect news and photos from events to post on social media and website and ask their grantees for dates/marketing material ahead of time so we can help them get word out.
- Grant liaisons and other BCC members should attend grantee events.
- We have a BCC banner and poster "sheet" for draping on a table or using as a backdrop at events.
- Continued interviews with Belmont Journal may be a good way to spread news of events.
- Obtain grantee's final report.

5. Update on BCC's page on the Town Website

Nancy will be talking to Pam Calahan about some changes/updates in next several days.

6. Future Plans for BCC

- Vicki Amalfitano will become Chair starting July 1, 2021, with Millie Rahn serving as Vice Chair.
- Jenny Angel will remain as Secretary.
- Annette Goodro will remain as Treasurer.
- Nancy Linde will stay on for a year as a non-voting member.
- Juliet is willing to continue to help with the website beyond this calendar year if another person comes forward or is recruited to help.
- Haixi Liu is not continuing as a member next year.
- It was suggested that each member try to recruit a new member. Not all our leads will pan out, but perhaps this effort will net one or two new members.
- Nancy will ask Town about its willingness to allow us to continue to meet online next year, to better assure attendance. We had very good attendance this year. She will also ask if we can post an announcement recruiting new membership on the BCC page of the town website.
- Juliet reminded everyone that we will need to decide by the end of the calendar year whether to continue the BCC website (to pay fees for upkeep through '22).
- Jenny reported that she would like to re-start the Cultural Gems inventory and map, without spending administrative money or requesting a council-originated grant at this time. Vicki noted that we should be sure to include BCC-funded projects, such as the transformer box locations. Others noted that we would want to include community gardens such as the one at Habitat, and the locations of Little Free Libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.55.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Angel