

Belmont Cultural Council

October 26, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Location: Conference Room One, Town Hall

In attendance: Viva Fisher, Carlha Vickers and Susan Smart.

Absent: Oz Barron, Dietlinde Hamburger, Patty Mihelich and Rebecca Richards.

The meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m. The group VOTED to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2005 meeting.

In new business, Viva reported that the selectmen have appointed three new members to the Belmont Cultural Council. Their names have been published in the "Citizen Herald" but the BCC has not yet been notified of their appointments by the Office of the Selectmen.. Viva went on to describe her experience at the recent state-sponsored Forum on Tourism and the Arts, where she submitted a written statement on the Belmont Gallery of Art. She noted that the Council will be submitting an LCO grant for a "strategic plan for the Belmont Gallery of Art" in the amount of \$350, with a 2/3 match required by the MCC. The BCC's grant application deadline was October 17, with notification on November 16. If the grant is funded, the Council will apply next year for the prestigious MCC Gold Star Award for the BGA.

Viva then led a discussion of the grant review process. It was decided to distribute all of the grant applications received, including those with no designated local partner. Viva cautioned that such applications could be "spam" applications, i.e., mass-distributed applications for projects not specifically targeted to Belmont and its residents. Grant applications were assigned to council members (including those in absentia), and the materials were distributed.

The group VOTED to move the Tuesday, November 15 meeting date to Tuesday, November 22.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting – Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Smart