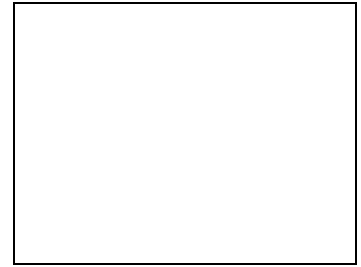




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COMMITTEE: Nantucket Cultural Council Time Meeting called to Order: 4:04 pm

MEETING DATE: September 16, 2024, Time Meeting Adjourned: 4:39pm

MEMBERS PRESENT via ZOOM: Ava Rollins (Co-Chair), Barbara Tibbetts, Bethany Oliver, and Michael Kopko, and Tony Wagner

GUESTS PRESENT via Zoom: Emma Young, Former Co-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Shantaw Bloise-Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Ellis

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	VOTES / ROLL CALL
1. Welcome Council Members	Ms. Rollins opted to have Mrs. Bloise-Murphy lead the Council through the agenda. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy welcomed the Council Members and did the roll call.	
2. Agenda Protocol	Mrs. Bloise-Murphy reviewed the Town's new Agenda Protocol that was shared with Council Members in April by Maureen Coleman.	
3. Approval of Minutes	January 8, 2024 minutes motion for approval made by Tony Wagner and seconded by Michael Kopko. Those minutes were approved unanimously. May 30, 2024 minutes motion for approval made by Bethany Oliver and seconded by Tony Wagner. Those minutes were approved unanimously.	5-0 5-0
4. FY25 Grant Cycle Update	Mrs. Bloise-Murphy informed the Council that Massachusetts Cultural Council has opened the Local Cultural Council Grant Cycle earlier this year and it will run from September 1 st with an application deadline of October 16 th and annual report deadline of January 16 th . Mrs. Bloise-Murphy added that there was an information session about the grant led by Massachusetts Cultural Council(MCC) on September 5 th and an email was sent by MCC to all past applicants and registrants of MCC's newsletters. She added that she reviewed the application, and it is the same as last year. She also added that she noticed that some local organizations have already started their applications which can be viewed by Council members	

under draft, and that though the message clearly got out, a press release should be shared with local media.

5. Committee New Member Discussion

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy thanked Ms. Emma Young, former co-chair for joining the meeting. She then informed the council that she checked with MCC guidelines and learned that Emma can be present at meetings, in the event of quorum issues. Ms. Young's seat is still open on the Council. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy asked the Council to share any suggestions of individuals that should be invited to apply for that seat or any sectors that should be represented by the Council that is currently missing.

Mr. Wagner shared that Michelle from the Dance Company and Sam from the Nantucket Atheneum would be a great fit for the Council, as well as any other individuals who might be interested from the library. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy added that they also have a new Development Director at the library and that she will reach out to Anne, the Director of the Nantucket Atheneum to test the waters and gauge interest from her organization. Mr. Wagner offered to contact Michelle from the Dance Company to gauge her interest in joining.

Mr. Kopko added that a member of the Spanish speaking community would be a great addition, as well as a representative from the Eastern European Community. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy shared that the Bulgarian Education School is very involved in the community and recently received a Nantucket Cultural District grant. She will contact the Head of School to gauge their interest in becoming more involved with the Council.

Shantaw added that she emailed Erika Mooney for an update on the open seat but hasn't gotten a response as of this meeting. Mr. Kopko suggested advertising the open seat with the local newspaper. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy suggested utilizing the press release about the grant to share news about the open seat. Ms. Tibbetts added that the local newspaper has been working on a project to share more stories in Spanish and that she will reach out to Robert Saurer about sharing the notice in Spanish to attract Spanish speaking individuals. She learned about it at the Inquirer and Mirror's sponsored Chamber Business After Hours.

Ms. Rollins asked if the Nantucket Cultural Council has funding for advertising. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy clarified that it does not; however, the Culture & Tourism Department could assist with this. Ms. Rollins added that a healthy budget towards advertising would be helpful and that she cannot support asking for free advertising from any of the local media outlets. She suggested working with outlets on an advertorial.

Mr. Kopko asked if the Council has any social media access to share any information. Ms. Rollins responded that Nantucket Current is a great social media outlet to utilize and story posts are around \$300. Ms. Rollins asked Mrs. Bloise-Murphy to share the Press Release with her and she would work on advertising with the local media outlets.

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy offered additional marketing options via the Nantucket Cultural District, the Nantucket Chamber of Commerce and the Culture & Tourism social media outlets, as well as the Town Manager's monthly email.

6. Committee Roles Vote

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy shared that the committee roles descriptions, as well as tutorials about the various reports that need to be submitted annually was shared with Council members in May and resubmitted with this packet. She asked the Council if they would like to vote on roles now or wait until after new members have joined. Mr. Kopko stated that it would be best to wait until there is a full council to decide

on roles. Ms. Young shared that she will not be able to join the next meeting. Ms. Rollins thanked Ms. Young for her extensive years of service.

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy shared that she submitted the Council priorities in August and that the financial report will be submitted by the next meeting and will share with relevant Council members when it has been submitted. Mr. Kopko asked if he needed to sign anything, and Mrs. Bloise-Murphy responded that the Town Treasurer signs on our behalf.

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy asked Council members to share any questions they might have for Ms. Young to her or to Ms. Rollins to be respectful of Ms. Young's time since she is no longer a council member.

Ms. Tibbetts asked about the fall reception. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy shared that she contacted the Nantucket Inn about using their new ballroom. Members of the Council shared that they had not seen the newly renovated space and agreed that it would be a great location for this event. They shared their support for Shantaw to explore dates for the event and secure the space without the council's involvement.

7. Public Comment

No members of the public present.

8. Next Meeting

Next Meeting to be held on October 7, 2024 at 4pm.

9. Adjournment

Michael Kopko made a motion to adjourn. Bethany Oliver seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Barbara Tibbetts - Aye

Bethany Oliver - Aye

Michael Kopko - Aye

Ava Rollins - Aye

Tony Wagner - Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm

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