

City of Chelsea
Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division
Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 | 6:30 PM

Members: Marlene Jennings, Chair; Dakota Christmas, Co-Chair, Nicky Enriquez, Carolina Anzola

Staff: Bea Cravatta, Omar Miranda

I. Call to Order

6:45pm called to order

II. General comments

(None)

III. Approve Minutes for March 22, 2022

The following amendments were made: add that the meeting occurred remotely, add Omar Miranda as a staff member, correct Group Torogoz in text.

Marlene made a motion to approve the minutes, Dakeya seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

IV. LCC & Heritage 2020-22 Grantees Updates

- *Chelsea Gateway Project* - 2021 Heritage Celebrations Grant, and \$875 LCC money from 2020 to complete this project. Marlene provided a letter from Ellen Rovner. Hoping this will be done by the end of the year. The website and the media part of the project are going slowly. She would like an extension for a professional representation of Chelsea's Jewish. Bea suggested that she provide a post-report on the LCC portion of the grant before she moves forward. Voting to extend project no later than December 2022 and she must provide a post-report from the 2020 LCC grant. Motion approved.
- *Allison Shephard/Omnircircus Heritage Grant* - she would like to extend her project into the summer and fall of 2022. The dates are not specific right now because she has to implement the setup with facilities of the schools. Marlene made a motion to approve, Dakeya seconded. Motion approved.
- *Street Synagogue* - September/October timeframe as an extension for this project due to unforeseen circumstances. Motion to extend is approved.
- *Matt Frank/Postcard Project* - he was awarded \$1500 LCC grant for "From: Chelsea with Love." He'll be printing more postcards for promotion rather than printing and mounting. The focus will be more on the postcards. Marlene recommends that he ensures that Chelsea Cultural Council appears somewhere on the postcard. Motion is approved.

- *Eduardo Chacon/Latimer Light Project* - \$19,000 was awarded for this project on Division Street. This project necessitates that the lights be on private buildings, but the building will be redeveloped in the next few years. But the remaining money would be used for a project to present about Edison and Latimer on Broadway. This matter is tabled until the next meeting.

V. Chelsea Heritage Celebration Grant Reviews

Summation:

- *People of Chelsea/Darlene Deviate* seeking \$18,480 to produce a book for hotels, small businesses, Senior Center, etc. Bea mentions that she is a very diligent worker, the Chamber of Commerce is her fiscal agent. Some artists may not have any other source of funding, which can be tricky to make a project come to fruition. The Chamber of Commerce charges a 5% administrative fee. Marlene and Dakeya shared information about the Office of Tourism and Travel.

There's a question of whether or not it's best to work with a fiscal agent like Capex or TnD.

- *La Cueva/Sury Chavez*: \$20,000 creating a safe space for women to create.
- *La Colaborativa/Chelsea: Through Many Eyes and Mediums* - \$20,000 for three art installations in their new building representing Chelsea Tenants Rights, Food Sustainability & Community Solidarity, and Heritage and Culture.
- *Edwardo Chacon/Tropical Chelsea*: \$13,050 for a cultural event to showcase Caribbean and Central American culture.
- *Greenroots/Mosaic of Food, Culture, and Community*: \$18,575 to implement a teaching kitchen.
- *Candace Perez, Chelsea DEI Officer/The City of Chelsea Juneteenth Street Festival*: \$20,000
- *Toan Trinh/Tobin Bridge: Past and Present*: \$10,820.93 with Mimi Granny to share the history of the Tobin Bridge
- *Margarita Franco/Parade and Festival Multicultural*: \$3000 which may fall under the guidelines