



**City of Chelsea
Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division
Minutes
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 | 6:30 PM**

Members: Marlene Jennings, Chair; Dakeya Christmas, Co-Chair; Danielle Kim, Clerk; Carolina Anzola; Nicky Enriquez

Staff: Bea Cravatta; Omar Miranda

I. Call to order

Marlene calls the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Marlene welcomes Nicky Enriquez, new member to the CCC. Nicky shares an overview of her background, including roles at Massachusetts College of Arts & Design and Boston College and her past experiences advancing greater access and funding for arts and culture. CCC members and staff introduce themselves to Nicky. Mimi Graney mentioned that she is engaging a consultant to research and catalog a map of public spaces across the City that can be used for the arts.

II. Approve Minutes of 12/6/21 and 12/13/21

Minutes from 12/6/21

Motion: Dakeya; Second: Danielle. Motion was approved.

Minutes from 12/13/21

Motion: Dakeya; Second: Carolina. Motion was approved.

III. FY22 Grantees

Bea provides an update on the FY22 LCC grants, sharing that the City Manager signed the appropriate paperwork to finalize and award these grants. Denial and acceptance letters were sent to all LCC applicants. No issues were raised during the reconsideration period.

CCC members review the assigned relationship manager and funding amounts for each of the 16 LCC awardees. Bea encourages CCC members to call their LCC grantees, congratulate them, and encourage them to submit their paperwork. Bea will keep CCC members informed about which grantees have outstanding paperwork.

IV. Review FY20 & FY21 extensions

Current FY20 and FY21 projects that have ongoing extensions with CCC include the Chelsea Fun Bus, Lewis Latimer science festival, and Temple Emmanuel.

Rush Gershon is requesting an extension to June 2022 for his photo exhibit called Signs of Life and corresponding gallery showing. CCC members approve the extension through June 2022.

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V. Chelsea Heritage Celebrations FY22 Grant Application Review / Launch dates

Marlene notes that the timeline for Heritage grants this year will be a little later than usual, given the delayed schedule for LCC grants. Marlene and Bea propose that for years to come, Heritage will launch on February 1, and the application deadline will be due March 15. But for this year, Marlene and Bea propose that Heritage grants will launch on March 1, 2022, and the application deadline will be April 12, 2022. CCC members agree on this timeline. CCC members discuss recommending that Heritage projects be completed by December 2022, but the CCC will continue to be flexible and accommodating for projects that need to extend beyond that date given the ongoing pandemic.

Nicky and Bea will work together to review and revise the Heritage application language, with the goal of bringing their suggested revisions to the CCC meeting at our next monthly meeting in February.

VI. Arts & Culture Coordination Team Work Update

Danielle gives an update on the last Arts & Culture coordination team meeting that happened on December 15th. The discussion focused on three key questions: 1) Funding - What is the universe of overall funding sources available to support citywide arts and culture projects? 2) Organization and processes - How do we move forward on identifying, securing, and facilitating the use of outdoor performance spaces? 3) Programming - How do we do a better job of increasing community engagement and getting the word out to residents?

The group decides to convene the Coordination Team again in February. Nicky asks about how the Coordination Team is defining culture. Bea will get Nicky a hard copy of the Arts & Culture Plan.

VII. Announcements

Bea announces that the East Wing Gallery in City Hall is currently being updated, thanks to funds from CCC. Bea notes that the first exhibit will be arts projects from Chelsea High School Seniors in Spring 2022.

Danielle asks about next steps on the Columbus Statue. Bea mentions that the Historical Commission is undergoing some transitions, including an upcoming officer election. Bea will reconnect with John DePriest, and let him know that the CCC is eager to meet again with the Historical Commission to continue discussing this project.

Nicky asks how the CCC celebrates and promotes grantees. Marlene responds that prior to the pandemic, the CCC organized an in-person reception for grantees but that hasn't happened since the pandemic. Bea invites and welcomes additional ideas on how to recognize and promote grantees.

Dakeya motions to adjourn the meeting. Nicky seconds.
Meeting adjourns at 7:40pm.

Next meeting: February 22, 2022
Recorder: Danielle Kim

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