Northborough Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

Date:Wednesday, September 6, 2017@ 7:00 PM

Location: Northborough Free Library, Northborough, MA

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05pm

Present: Lesley Shore, Seira Shelton, Selvi Oyola, Bich Nguyen, Chriss Kowal, Scott Nolan,

Absent: Steve Smith, Peter Worrest

Guest: Mina Kim, Regional contact

Mina Kim's Agenda

 Introductions

 Overview of Guideline Changes for FY18 and Online Application

 Fundraising: Community Engagement, Raising Visibility

 Build Your Case

 Building Relationships

FY18 Budget Update and LCC Allocations

- The proposed level funding to the arts and cultural section budget was vetoed in July, which would result in $1.85M cut to public funding. The House and Senate can override the veto and restore the funding.
- If there is no override, MA would $402,500 less for Local Cultural Council programs – 13% decrease

Festival Grants – Application deadline is Sept 15

Artist Fellowships – Application deadline is Oct 2

STARS Residencies – online application opens Oct 4

Big Yellow School bus – Application opens Sept 20

2018 Guideline Changes:

- Project salaries for municipal employees
- Capital Expenses > $500 + 3 yrs life
- Grant payment pilot program with 19 LCCs ➜ grant based vs. reimbursement

- Regional Staff contacts (like Mina)

Online Application Changes

- New password sent by Selvi

- (3) PDFs can be uploaded – no page limit

- Eligibility quiz for applicants only 1x vs before each app

- View apps in-progress and submitted. Downloaded to Excel

Fundraising

- We may accept $ and t's tax deductible (we need EIN) ➔ LCC special municipality office has it

- Need vision (not a description of who we are)

- Ideas: Asset mapping – Need to engage community

- Ideas: Paint utility boxes, done by local artists

Matching Funds:

- Draft fact sheet

- Meet with Selectman etc.

- Garner Support from community

- Present your case

- Sustain Momentum

Total Allocation:

- 15% for our own programs

- 5% admin

- 80% grants

Adjourned at 8:05pm

Minutes Taken by: Bich Nguyen