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Orleans Cultural Council  
Minutes  
April 13, 2012

The Orleans Cultural Council met on Friday, April 13, 2012, Orleans Town Hall, Skaket Room, 1pm.

Attending: Jenny Avellar Joanna Keeley, Anne Williams, Meri Hartford, Patricia Ares, Joyce Aaron, Sue Brady, Elizabeth Kuechenmeister

Village Center A slide show describing the creation and impact of the proposed Village Center Cultural District was presented by Town Planner George Meservey. The Massachusetts Cultural Council has already designed three towns in Massachusetts with 'cultural district' designation. A Cultural District designation will attract artists and cultural enterprises, encourage business and career development, increase tourism, preserve and reuse historic buildings, enhance property values, and foster local cultural development. The Orleans Community Partnership is partnering with the town to develop the proposal and seeks support from the Orleans Cultural Council.

After the presentation, the Orleans Cultural Council expressed support for the formation of a Cultural District. Upon a motion by Tricia Ares and a second by Anne Williams, the OCC voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the Town Planner and the Orleans Community Partnership. The vote was 8-0. The letter will be signed by all members of the OCC.

Upon a motion by Joyce Aaron and a second by Anne Williams, the meeting was called to order at 1:30pm. The motion was 8-0.

Student Art Show Joanna Keeley reported that the Student Art Show was a success with outstanding student works in a variety of media: oil, watercolor, print, mixed media and sculpture. The Opening Night Reception took place on Friday, March 9 and was well attended by families, faculty, students and staff. Students from Nauset Regional Middle School, Nauset Regional High School and the CC Lighthouse Charter School were represented. The show was organized by Joanne Keeley, Sue Brady, Jenny Avellar, Meri Hartford and Joyce Aaron, all of whom will coordinate the removal of the show and return of artworks. Cape Cod writer Teresa Martin wrote about the show on the blog [CapeCodtoday.com](http://CapeCodtoday.com)

Margaret Fernald Dole Show The Dole Show, a juried exhibit with prizes, will take place at the Snow Library in 2013.

Orleans Historical Society - Historical photographs from the OHistorical Society will be presented in the Skaket Room. Joanna Keeley and Anne Williams will coordinate the lending of the photographs with Tamsen Cornell, OHS Executive Director.

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Town Hall Art Work - Discussion of art work in both the Council on Aging and Orleans Town Hall. The cultural council discussed creating a formal list of all works on loan to the town. The council discussed working with the administration to receive permission to place more artwork in town hall. The council will invite town clerk Cynthia May to the May meeting to discuss this process.

Secretary The council unanimously elected Tricia Ares, Secretary. The vote was 8-0.

2012 Grant Cycle - The OCC reviewed and approved payments to John Krenick, Arts Days, Nauset Regional Middle School, and CC Lighthouse Charter School.

The council will meet on Friday, May 11, 1pm, Skaket Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. The vote was 8-0.

Elizabeth Kuechenmeister  
Chair  
OCC