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Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

May 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM

In-Person Attendees:

**Town Hall Small Conference Room
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut**

Those Attending Virtually:

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Minutes taken by Colleen Cash

Present (in-person): Renee Brown-Cheng, Tracey Bryggman, Colleen Cash, Nick Catino, Jennifer Dineen; Pamme Jones (joined at 7:06pm)

Present (virtually): Amy Casey, Joshua Fischer, Mike McNamara (joined at 7:06pm)

Excused: Danielle Roth, Joe Collin

Absent: Raje Kaur

Guests: Neil Chollick

MEETING TO ORDER

Tracey made a motion to call the meeting to order. Colleen seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTES

- Nick made a motion to approve the April 2025 Meeting Minutes. Tracey seconded. All else approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The council was updated on the town balance and the trust balance.
- Colleen confirmed that the reimbursement for the Zoom account renewal had been deposited.
- Jennifer inquired as to whether the town account reflected the 2025 Make Music Day grant.

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- Amy confirmed the check from the March Scholarship fundraiser had been dropped off at town hall; she also confirmed that the 2025 scholarship check had been cut and picked up for distribution to the 2025 recipient.

Old Business

Behind the Scenes Planning

- The event is May 8th at the Playhouse; preparations are finalized at the venue and set up will begin at 5pm on the day of the event.
- The RAC has requested the \$250 venue fee payable to the Playhouse be split with the ECDC as the evening is jointly presented by both groups. The ECDC will take the payment to an ECDC vote at their May meeting.
- The planning team shared positive feedback about how communications went this year with nominating organizations noting that 15 organizations in total will be presenting awards.

Make Music Day

- The Make Music Day (MMD) site is active for both musicians and venues; Jennifer is leading curation between venues and performance scheduling.
- Updates were provided as to sound system support vendors and coverage.
- Intern resources were offered from Town Hall; a discussion was had regarding potentially leveraging those resources on a project or more ongoing basis.
- In the next week a more comprehensive action plan will be shared outlining opportunities for council support, volunteering, and resource needs.
- A discussion was held on the programming of Ballard Park inclusive of potential children's programming earlier in the day ahead of the Main Stage kick-off around 4pm.
- Jennifer shared an update on the permitting process for the posted signs related to MMD; Jennifer will continue to liaise with the department to facilitate the securing of the required permits.

Group Updates as needed

EDR

- A reminder was given that the next EDR is June 27th at 9am at Weir Farm.
- Efforts will be made to engage a guest speaker, possibly a local elected official.
- Amy shared that the Board of Education has an interest in engaging more with the arts and culture community, possibly at an EDR; Amy will take

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next steps to further determine how best the BOE can engage with the RAC.

New Business

Pride in the Park

- Jennifer noted that the RAC has historically had a presence at the event; it is scheduled for June 1, 2025 this year. An overview was given on past activations.
- A call for leadership on this year's activation was made; general support was offered and several voiced interest in attending. A button making activation will be set up.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm following a motion made by Pamme and seconded by Renee. All approved.

The next meeting will be 6/11/2025 at 7pm.