

Ashland Cultural Council Minutes*
Monday, January 6, 2020
7:00 PM
Meeting Room A
Town Hall, 101 Main St, Ashland, MA 01721

1. Called the Meeting to Order
 - a. Visi Tilak called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.
 - b. Present: Tonya Yaskovich (Chair), Isabel M. Pérez (Treasurer), Donna Bresnick, Lakshmi S. Krishnan, Visi Tilak
 - c. Not present: Amy Caruso, Connie Mannel
2. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from November 24, 2019
 - a. Not available at the time of the meeting, therefore the Committee will review at the next meeting.
3. Review Grant Letters
 - a. Visi Tilak opened the discussion about overall grant letter mailing. Tonya Yaskovich confirmed Denial Letters were mailed out on 12/23/19.
 - b. ACC received an email from an applicant who was denied during this grant cycle due to the application not meeting sufficient "Public Benefit". ACC drafted an email response and sent it to the applicant citing the original reason for denial (insufficient public benefit) per the original Letter of Denial mailed on 12/23/19.
 - c. No other emails or written responses were received from denied applicants.
4. Review MCC Grant Deadline Dates
 - a. All Acceptance Letters will be mailed by January 15, 2020 in accordance with the MCC Grant Policy's deadline.
 - b. Two grantee reimbursement forms were received and signed off on by Tonya Yaskovich and Isabel M. Pérez which were submitted to Carol Bogdanovich (ToA Accountant) on 01/08/20 for reimbursement funds to be released to 2019 Grantees.
5. Discuss Future Meeting/Event Dates
 - a. All ACC meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.
 - b. Future ACC-run events and programs will be discussed at the next meeting due to time constraints.
6. Develop Timeline for Committee Member Transitions and Future Member Recruitment
 - a. Will be discussed at the next meeting due to time constraints.
7. Review Next Meeting Dates and Items for Agenda
 - a. Next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Isabel M. Pérez will submit Agenda and Meeting Room Request to Susan Robie.
 - b. #5 and #6 will be added to the next Agenda
8. Adjournment
 - a. Visi Tilak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. This motion was seconded by Isabel M. Pérez with a unanimous vote of 5-0-0.

**Submitted to meeting-minutes@ashlandmass.com on 02/06/19*