

Amherst Cultural Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2020

Via Zoom 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm (with a “Zoom Bomb” interruption)

Council members present: Georgia Barnhill, Cyndi Harbeson, Robin Thompson, Rachel Wang, Julianne Applegate, Jenny Lind, Sondra Radosh, Arthur Pero; Community member present: Lauren Mills

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm:

1. By roll call vote the council approved the July 22, 2020 minutes.
2. Amherst Guideline discussion: The council clarified the guideline that addresses multiple applications to read that one application per group or individual should be submitted. Additional wording changes were made so the guidelines have a more active and positive voice. Some order changes were made. We discussed the need and benefits for allowing funding for virtual events amid the uncertainty of having in-person events. Cyndi will send new improved guidelines to the council members. Gigi will send the guidelines to be posted on the ACC website.
3. Logo discussion: By roll call vote the council approved the boldest logo designed by A3 Gallery.
4. New Member discussion: Julianne heard back from Amherst Regional HS and teachers have nominated 5 rising Sophomores to apply for ACC membership through the town. She wrote a fabulous letter to send to nominated students and their parents/guardians and the council approved that the letter be sent. The letter was emailed to the council. Rachel reported that teachers at PV Chinese Immersion Charter School will also let us know if they can recommend any students and Jenny reported that PVPVA will do the same.
5. Lauren Mills, a parent and support member of the Amherst School Equity Task Force, joined the meeting in order to become familiar with the council and to ask for assistance with applying for mural idea for Crocker Farm School. Gigi will assist Lauren.
6. Grant review dates discussion: Since funding and application dates are subject to change due to the State’s temporary budget, we decided to keep meeting dates and times flexible. We will aim for Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 in December but will revisit as we get more information from MCC.
7. Julianne and Rachel will begin work on an Excel evaluation form to provide the council with more quantitative data when deciding on funding for projects.
8. Julianne reminded the council to please continue sending PechaKucha names to her.
9. Next Council meeting is September 30 from 4:30 – 5:30 then Gigi and Jenny will host the public information meeting from 5:30-6:30
10. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Jenny Lind, Secretary Amherst Cultural Council