

**Dennis Arts and Culture Council
June 7, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT: Jane Cancellieri, Emily Entwisle, David Kaplan Roger Shoemaker, Lisa Valkenier
ABSENT: Dennis Egan

Co-Chair Emily Entwisle called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The minutes for the May 3, 2023 meeting were approved.

UPDATE ON OFFICERS & MEMBERS:

The Dennis Select Board reappointed Lisa Valkenier for a 3rd term on DACC. Lisa will continue as secretary.

The Dennis Select Board also approved new member Dennis Egan for a 3-year term. DACC will contact him about attending the next meeting.

FY 23 GRANT UPDATES:

6 final reports have been submitted, 13 remain while projects are being completed.

A question was raised about whether or not one of the FY 23 grantees, Pirates and Patriots (since renamed New Latitude Event Solutions), is a non-profit organization. Emily Entwisle will contact the MCC for clarification of the applicant eligibility guidelines, specifically "incorporated private nonprofit organizations".

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

The design, wording, and printing of rack cards to inform about and promote DACC was discussed. David Kaplan will take care of the design. Updating the DACC logo also was discussed. Remaining DACC administrative funds will be used to pay for the printing. A DACC account balance inquiry for available funds is pending at Town Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Roger Shoemaker proposed changing the current 18-month window of eligibility for DACC funding (as permitted by the MCC) so that applicants

may not apply for projects that have happened already. Instead, proposed projects would have to be scheduled for the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) of the applicable MCC funding year. Per the MCC guidelines, LCCs are authorized to establish a smaller window of opportunity provided the eligible dates are published in their council guidelines. Roger's motion was approved. The DACC guidelines and priorities will be updated by the August deadline and will take effect for FY 24.

Additionally, the COVID era pandemic guidelines will be removed from the DACC guidelines for the coming year.

Jane Cancellieri proposed that DACC members use a rubric when reviewing each grant application and to facilitate discussion at voting meetings. Roger has provided a rubric template that conforms to the MCC & DACC guidelines. To save on panel book printing costs, DACC will need WiFi access to review grant proposals as a group during voting meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Valkenier, Recording Secretary