

**Franklin Cultural District Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 9, 2022  
Held as a Virtual Meeting  
via Remote Access Zoom Platform**

***As stated on the agenda, due to the continued concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, this meeting was conducted as a Remote/Virtual Cultural District Committee meeting. In an effort to ensure citizen engagement and comply with open meeting law regulations, citizens were able to dial into the meeting using the provided phone number or participate by using the Zoom link provided on the agenda.***

Members present: Roberta Trahan, Dr. Pandora Carlucci, Amy Adams, Katherine Botelho, Vice Chair John LoPresti

Members not present: Jamie Barrett, Pat Timmons

Also in attendance: Bryan Taberner, Planning and Community Development Director

***Dr. Carlucci opened the meeting at 7:03 PM***

**FCC MetroWest Arts & Cultural Symposium, FHS, May 14 2022 (9:00 AM-1:30 PM)**

Dr. Carlucci informed the Committee that she received an email on March 3 from Kay Kelly in regards to lending the Cultural District Committee logo to the event. Dr. Carlucci told the Committee that the event will be similar to Art Advocacy Day that has happened in past years in Franklin, but this Symposium will be for the entire MetroWest region.

The Keynote Speaker for the event will be Michael Bobbitt, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. There will also be 4 breakout sessions, of which registrants to the Symposium will select 2. Kay Kelly was thinking that the sessions would be:

*Art Equity*

*Arts in the Community*

*Arts Advocacy*

And 1 more session.

There will also be a boxed lunch and a culminating event at the end of it. The event is not for profit, but they are hoping the Cultural District will lend their logo to the event. They will sell tickets, but only to pay for each attendee's lunch.

Dr. Carlucci spoke with Ms. Trahan and they concluded that such a decision about the Cultural District logo needs to be put to a vote. Vice Chair LoPresti said that any opportunity to publicize the district should be taken, so he would be in favor of lending the logo to the Cultural Symposium. Dr. Carlucci continued by confirming that she had contacted Ms. Maxine Kinhart for the correct Franklin Cultural District logo. A discussion can then be held on the March 23 meeting to delve into how the Committee will participate in the Symposium.

***Ms. Trahan motioned to have the Franklin Cultural District be represented at the MetroWest Arts & Cultural Symposium on May 14, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM and have a discussion on the Symposium at the March 23, 2022 Cultural District Committee meeting. Seconded by Vice Chair LoPresti. There was some discussion clarifying the***

***role that the Committee could play in the event, which Ms. Trahan said its role would be simply to help promote the event on social media and lend the logo to it, and possibly coordinate FHS students to assist in tasks that are not yet known. Ms. Adams voted yes; Ms. Botelho voted yes; Vice Chair LoPresti voted yes; Ms. Trahan voted yes; Dr. Carlucci voted yes. Voted passed 5-0-0.***

**Next Cultural District Meeting Dates**

March 23, 2022 7:00 PM

April 13, 2022 7:00 PM

May 19, 2022 6:30 PM

**Cultural District Partners Meeting**

May 19, 2022 7:00 PM

**Additional Comments**

Dr. Carlucci thanked Mr. Taberner for helping the Cultural District Committee with recent attendance at Committee meetings and the preparation that comes with those meetings.

**Adjourn**

***Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

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