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Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund Committee

Minutes of 5/23/2024

1. Call to order 5:49 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Sunshine Statement

Please be advised that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the time, date, and place of this meeting of the Arts and Cultural Trust Fund Committee has been sent to the City Clerk for posting on the Bulletin Board outside the Clerk's office in City Hall. The City Clerk's office has also been notified of all scheduled public meetings to be held this year. Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Jersey City Office of Cultural Affairs

Website, jerseycityculture.org; and sent to all local newspapers on May 20, 2024.

I have proof of this notice here in evidence.

4. **Attendance**, Elizabeth Phillips Lorenzo, Lisa Bellan-Boyer entered 5:57, Sandra Martiny, Joe Harkins, Nobuki Takamen, Amy Elise de Jong (JC Arts Council), Melida Rodas, entered 5:55pm Mira Prinz-Arey (Councilwoman), Migdalia Pagan Milano (JC Office of Cultural Affairs), Christine Goodman (JC Office of Cultural Affairs), Sarah Martinez (JC Office of Cultural Affairs),

5. **Approval of Minutes** from meeting of May 9, 2024. Moved, seconded, approved.

6. **New Business:**

Committee co-chair Elizabeth Phillips Lorenzo read a formal statement:

I, Elizabeth Phillips Lorenzo, Committee Chair for the Arts and Culture Trust Fund, am hereby submitting the following statement into the record:

The Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund Committee has the final say in all grant awards. Voting members of this Committee include one representative of each ward and a Mayor's representative. These representatives were nominated by the Mayor and approved by City Council. As Chair of this Committee, I will not tolerate slander of any staff members assisting in the administration of this Fund. Any questions or concerns may be directed to me at ephillips629@yahoo.com.

- Updates on the 2024-2025 Arts and Culture Trust Fund Grant Awards: Sarah said the grant contracts were mailed out yesterday and the office has already received some back.



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Payments to grantees were made to those who have completed the paperwork. Panelists have been paid except for 3 who have not sent an invoice. Summary letters are still being worked on.

Migdalia updated newcomers about the previous discussion.

The committee voted to approve the Additional \$2,000 to add Sarah to the Neighborly account.

A draft of the final report for grant cycle 2022 will be sent to the committee members in the coming weeks.

7. **General Public Participation** (5 minutes per person) no public comments

A question asked by a member of the committee:

- Will the applicants receive constructive feedback to help make their applications stronger at the next round if they were not awarded a full grant?

This would give them the opportunity to submit an improved application.

The committee responded:

- Yes, the applicants will receive a summary letter that will include constructive feedback to help improve their applications in the next round.

Secondly,

The Ward A representative for the committee has a term for 3 years.

The current representative's term is about to expire.

There will be a need for a new replacement by the end of August to plan for a new Ward A representative to be approved by the fall.

8. **Adjournment 6:07pm**