

**Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting
January 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

In-Person Attendees:

**LOCATION MOVED FROM: Town Hall Small Conference Room
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut TO
Prospector Theater Meeting Room (2nd Floor)
25 Prospect St, Ridgefield, CT 06877**

Those Attending Virtually:

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Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (in-person): Tracey Bryggman, Amy Casey (arrived at 7:32pm), Colleen Cash, Nick Catino, Joe Collin (left at 8:21pm), Jennifer Dineen, Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): Joshua Fischer, Pamme Jones (joined at 7:24pm), Raje Kaur (left at 8:22pm)

Excused: Amy Casey, Mike McNamara

Guests: Renee Brown-Cheng, Peter Timpano, Mike Santini, Neil Chollick

MEETING TO ORDER

Raje made a motion to call the meeting to order. Dani seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

MINUTES

- Jennifer made a motion to approve the December 2024 Meeting Minutes. Tracey seconded. All else approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- No changes as of December.

Old Business

Group Updates as needed

EDR

- The next EDR is scheduled for Friday, March 14th at Keeler Tavern
- The council brainstormed ways to make the EDRs more meaningful to increase attendance.
- Council members will reach out to potential guests as well as to members who have not been in attendance to gather more information.

CT Humanities

- Jennifer made a motion to complete the CT Humanities Survey. Nick seconded. All approved.

Banners

- The council confirmed the dates for RAC & ECDC banners.
- There are broken banners on Danbury Road. Members will coordinate to repair weather permitting.
- The council will converse with the ECDC to clarify their involvement in the banner program.

Arts Column

- There will be no ArtsWatch column this month.

Behind the Scenes

- The council will continue to secure a venue for 2025.

RAC Scholarship

- Jennifer made a motion to change the submission deadline to March 21st. Joe seconded. All approved.
- The council will confirm the dollar amount of the scholarship by the next meeting.
- The council discussed scheduling a Scholarship Fundraiser in the month of April and will confirm a date by the next meeting.

Budget Update

- Council members are encouraged to attend the BOS meeting when the RAC budget is being discussed.

Make Music Day

- New Rules/Regulations: It is now up to the City/Town's discretion as to whether or not to compensate musicians. More info to follow.

New Business

Interview of RAC Candidate Renee Brown-Cheng

- Renee expressed her interest in joining the RAC and shared ways she would like to contribute. Renee is a relatively new Ridgefield resident and is looking to get involved in the arts community given her theatrical, PR, communications, media, and marketing background. Renee expressed specific interest in communications planning/strategy, Make Music Day, and website.

Dani made a motion to enter into Executive Session (excluding all present guests) to discuss Renee Brown-Cheng's candidacy. Nick seconded. All approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The council entered Executive Session at 8:14pm to discuss Renee Brown-Cheng's appointment to the council. The council exited the session and returned to the public at 8:20pm.

Jennifer made a motion to approve Renee Brown-Cheng's candidacy to go before the Board of Selectpersons. Amy seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm following a motion made by Nick and seconded by Amy. All approved.

The next meeting will be 2/5/2025 at 7pm.