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Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

April 8, 2026 at 7:15 PM

In-Person Attendees:

**Town Hall Small Conference Room
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut**

Those Attending Virtually:

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Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (in-person): Renee Brown-Cheng, Tracey Bryggman, Colleen Cash, Nick Catino, Anna Ciamporcerro, Joe Collin (arr at 7:18), Jennifer Dineen, Pamme Jones, Raje Kaur, Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): N/A

Excused: N/A

Guests: Naomi Bond

MEETING TO ORDER

Raje made a motion to call the meeting to order. Nick seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

MINUTES

- Dani made a motion to approve the March 2026 Meeting Minutes. Anna seconded. All else approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A few reimbursement requests will be submitted this month.
- A reminder was made to submit all expenses for this FY by June 30th.

Old Business

Behind the Scenes Planning and Nancy Comstock Andrews Award

- Pamme made a motion to award the 2026 Nancy Award to a specific nominee (will remain unnamed until notified). Jennifer seconded. All else approved.

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- Behind the Scenes will be held at Keeler Tavern on Mon, 5/18 at 6pm.
- ECDC will be supplying food/beverages.
- Reminders will be sent out to the organizations to submit their nominees.

Spring 2026 Scholarship Application and Awarding

- The council members reviewed and discussed all submissions.
- Tracey made a motion to award the 2026 RAC Scholarship to a specific nominee (will remain unnamed until notified). Anna seconded. All else approved.
- The recipient will be notified and invited to attend the Behind the Scenes event.
- A check for scholarship funds will be requested from the town.

Spring 2026 Scholarship Fundraiser

- The Scholarship Fundraiser will be held at the Lantern from 6pm-9pm on Thurs, 4/23.
- Three artists have donated art for the raffle. Cards will be made to describe each piece. Jazz band has been confirmed.
- Flyer/posters will be created and sent to print and hung this week and marketing efforts will be made on social media weekly leading up to the event.
- Organizers will follow-up and confirm final details with the Lantern. The council discussed set-up and breakdown needs.

Make Music Day

- Registration for musicians and venues opened on March 11th and many musicians have already signed up.
- The Ballard Park band line-up is coming together nicely.
- Sponsorships will be acquired to fund a potential tent rental.
- RAC members should consider involvement and express availability to help with the event and planning.

Cultural District Sub-Committee Update

- Meetings are held bi-weekly.
- RFPs from graphic designers are to be reviewed to create our own logo for the Cultural District as well as brainstorming for a tag line.
- Social media promotion will begin over the next month once branding has become more concrete.

Group Updates as needed

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- The council was briefed on various events: Ballard Park free events, Star-Spangled Soirée (July 3rd), Float in the Parade, Memorial Day Vintage Baseball game, Cocktail competition, etc.

Pride in the Park

- The RAC will have a table at the event.
- Button makers will need to be acquired.

Website

- Pamme made a motion to move away from hosting our own proprietary RAC website and leverage the town RAC webpage instead. Raje seconded. All approved.
- Updates will be submitted to the Town Hall RAC webpage including button linking to MMD registration page as well as informational pdf about RAC initiatives.
- RAC's proprietary website renewal in June will be canceled.

New Business

Town Sculpture

- An update will be shared at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm following a motion made by Nick and seconded by Raje. All approved.

The next meeting will be 4/28/2026 at 7:15pm.