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Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

September 2, 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 Colleen Cash

Present (in-person): Tracey Bryggman, Colleen Cash, Anna Ciamporcerro, Joe Collin, Jennifer Dineen, Raje Kaur (left at 8:38pm), Pamme Jones

Present (virtually): N/A

Excused: Danielle Roth

Guests: N/A

MEETING TO ORDER

Raje made a motion to call the meeting to order. Pamme seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:21pm.

MINUTES

- The Council confirmed that all members had reviewed the July 2026 Meeting Minutes.
- Jennifer made a motion to amend the July 2026 Meeting Minutes to more clearly reflect that all FY 25-26 expenses had been submitted by June 30, 2026. Anna seconded the motion. All else approved.
- Joe made a motion to approve the amended July 2026 Meeting Minutes. Raje seconded. All else approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Council reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's Report.

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- The Council discussed the importance of submitting receipts for timely reimbursement and accurate accounting.

Old Business

Google Drive Storage

- The Council discussed Google Drive and storage needs.
- The Council then discussed pricing and storage options and noted an additional 100 GB of data was available for \$1.99/month. The Council discussed and Pamme made a motion to engage in the additional monthly storage. Jennifer seconded. All else approved.

Group Updates

EADR

- The Council noted the next EADR will be at Weir Farm on September 18th at 9am.
- Colleen will send a formal note to the EADR group this week to confirm attendance.

Cultural District Working Group

- The Council discussed the active work of the Cultural District group, including the kick off of Ridgefield's participation in the ASCEND Program.

Banners

- The 2027 Submission Form has been drafted and will be sent out to participating organizations within the next few weeks.
- The Council discussed the benefit of having the next year's calendar set by mid-Fall to inform decisions and provide clarity.

New Business

RAC Member Updates, Capacity, Transition Planning

- Colleen announced that she was expecting her third child and would be resigning as co-Chair and from the Council, effective end of September 2026. The Council discussed and thanked Colleen for her service.
- The Council noted that the co-Chair structure has been effective, and Jennifer encouraged those remaining on the Council to reach out if they had interest in pursuing that role.

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- Tracy shared that she and Dani would also be resigning from the Council at the end of December 2026. The Council discussed and thanked Tracy and Dani (in absentia) for their service and advanced notice.
- Pamme noted that her previous plans to resign from the Council had shifted and that she would retain her position on the Council.
- The Council discussed future recruiting efforts and strategies for Council member acquisition and retention going forward.
- The Council discussed the structure of the Council and strategies for future development.

2027 Lamp Post Banner Schedule

- The Chamber of Commerce expressed interest in participating in the banner program.
- The Council discussed and agreed that the program should remain available to existing art and culture nonprofits.

2027 Budget Request

- The Council noted that the upcoming budget request for FY 27-28 would be due in early December.

2027 Event Planning

- The Council discussed key events in the upcoming year including Make Music Day.
- The Council discussed that Make Music Day falls on a Monday in 2027. The Council then discussed potential strategies to support the event and its continued growth on a weekday vs weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm following a motion made by Tracey and seconded by Pamme. All approved.

The next meeting will be 10/7/2026 at 7:15pm.