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DATE: March 8, 2023

TIME: 7:05 p.m.

PLACE: CCA

ADDRESS: 1A North Road, Chelmsford

CHELMSFORD CULTURAL COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Those in attendance: Doug Sparks (co-chair), Barbara Reilly (co-chair), Elaine D'Alessandro (treasurer), Cindy Cantrell (clerk), Subroto Mukherjee, TJ Beary and Bobbi Witts
3. BR raised the theoretical question of what will happen to the \$3,250 grant awarded to the CCA for a youth arts program, should it not proceed due to the recent resignation of CCA Executive Director Lexi Lattimore (who had applied for the grant). If that happens, DS will contact the Massachusetts Cultural Council to determine whether the funds will roll over to FY24 or revert back to the state.
4. Council members discussed ways in which FY24 funding priorities may possibly be revised. BW and TJB suggested that future grant applications must be submitted by a Chelmsford resident; seek funds for an event taking place in Chelmsford; and/or be accompanied by a letter of support. ED, BW and TJB all endorsed increasing the time limit for grant application presentations from three to five minutes.
5. In response to other discussions, DS confirmed that the Chelmsford Cultural Council's priorities (<https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/chelmsford>) already include celebrating cultural diversity and promoting inclusivity; any meeting room must be large enough to accommodate all presenters and audience members due to public meeting requirements; and council members may ask applicants about the reasons for high ticket prices, but not cap them or disqualify their applications based on that criteria.
6. Council members will approve the updated FY24 language at the next meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the CCA. Part 2 will involve adding or revising that language by September based on community input.
7. BR asked DS to add his contact information to the Chelmsford Cultural Council website.
8. Old business: none
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.