

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Special Meeting – Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Via Zoom 6:30 pm

Present

Emily McIntosh, Damon Patnoe, Donna Hamre, Joshua Hamre, Emily Clifford, Kelly Hemmeler, Sam Nolan, Jason Neely

New Business

Met to review a Mini Grant Application that was received from Terence LaCasse, his proposed project is Shakespeare's Henry V on the Town Green in Enfield. The event is being planned for Saturday, August 7th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

The mini grant request of \$500 would go to cover printing costs of the programs and after show surveys as well as travel costs and food for the actors. He is securing other funding and is planning on our grant being matched by Sustainable CT. It is unclear how much funding he has secured at this point.

The board members are hesitant with the viability of turning this event around in 1 month time. He has been in contact with Maya from the Town Managers office to secure the Town Green.

Emily reached out to include him in our Zoom call but he was unavailable.

He is working with the town of Vernon, CT to also do a production there. Jason will reach out to Vernon to find out the details of their production. Jason thinks that the Vernon event is more locked down and that he is adding Enfield to the production.

There was a 5 yes/1 no vote for awarding this mini grant. Emily C. was concerned about the marketing and promotion of the event being too close.

Emily will be sending Terence an email with a contingency list. Questions that are being asked to be clarified include marketing and promotion plans, conflicts with the Town Green for the date of the show, is there a rain date? How can ECAC be promoted at the event. If the event does not go as planned and the event is canceled, the \$500 will be returned to ECAC. Is the remaining funding secured, where is the remaining money from?

If the event date is too close to happen this year, we would be open to awarding this grant for next year.

Emily is giving Terence a deadline of Friday July 16th to respond to our questions. If his response meets the criteria, we will award him the mini grant. Emily will copy Linda Van Steele in the emails due to Jason's planned vacation.

Jason mentioned another grant opportunity that he is interested in exploring. There is a Supporting Arts Grant Program that can go to non-profits through municipal Arts Departments. He did confirm that ECAC qualifies for this grant. If the grant is awarded, Jason will use the funds towards replacing the AV equipment at the Senior Center so that we can continue to show movies and have events at the Senior center. Everyone agreed to have Jason move forward with the grant application.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 via Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hamre, Secretary