

Amherst Cultural Council
Minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2017
Amherst Room, Jones Library

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes of July meeting
4. Discussion and approval of David Neill's request to change the date of his performance to November 3 at Senior Center
5. Volunteer to represent ACC at Cultural District meetings
6. Set dates for fall meetings
7. Other business
8. Adjournment

Attending: Gigi Barnhill, co-chair; Robin Thompson, Gina Chaplain, Sondra Radosh, Cyndi Harbeson, Jones Library liaison

Not attending: Jennifer Lind, Andrea Battle, Alice Briggs, Martha Toro

Peter McQuillan and Patricia Cahill, members of the public

1. The meeting came to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Since a new member, Robin Thompson, was on hand, introductions were made.
3. Minutes of the July meeting were not available.
4. David Neill's request received a vote of approval.
5. Robin Thompson volunteered to represent the Council at meetings of the Amherst Cultural District meetings.

At this point, the Council opened the floor for questions. Peter McQuillan, coordinator of Cultural District activities for the Amherst BID, provided information about the Cultural District and its plans. He also spoke about cultural events supported by the Amherst BID such as the spring Jamherst, a jazz festival. He recommended the Pacific/Masonic Lodge as a venue. He asked about possible fundable activities such as FreeKeys, pianos refurbished by UMass students and available at various venues around campus. We also heard comments from Patricia Cahill, library coordinator of the Burnett Gallery.

6. Possible dates for fall meetings are November 14, 16, 28, and 30. December 5, 7, 14, and 19. Gigi will send these out to the council. The workbooks will be available about November 1 and will be delivered to Special Collections at the Jones.

7. Gigi will try to retrieve the PowerPoint circulated by the MCC and send it to council members.

8. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Chaplain, secretary pro-tem