

Lowell Cultural Council  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 6:30pm  
Mayor's Reception Room, Lowell City Hall

In attendance: Maxine Farkas, Laura Frye, Christina Khem, Jerry Bisantz, Joe Pyne, Marianna Wood, Olu Ibrahim, Roberto Dei (administrator)

- I. Reimbursements: Maxine and Laura signed two reimbursement forms
- II. Invitation to attend Lawrence Cultural Council:
  - a. Maxine connected with Bridget Rawding from Lawrence Cultural Council, and Bridget invited Lowell Cultural Council members to attend their grantee reception
    - i. Thursday, May 10 at Lawrence Heritage State Park, 6-8pm
- III. Folk Festival Participation:
  - a. Maxine proposed that the Lowell Cultural Council secure a table for the 2018 Lowell Folk Festival, and will give our grantees the opportunity to use the table to promote their projects
    - i. Cost is approximately \$175-\$300 (depending on size of table). Roberto will confirm costs
    - ii. Other suggestions included using the table to advocate for Massachusetts Cultural Council funding increase in stage budget, or have games to engage citizens
    - iii. We will continue discussion at May's meeting
- IV. Community Input Meeting
  - a. Nine community members attended the Community Input meeting. Their suggestions:
    - i. Long-lasting projects, something that will continue to be useful after one year
      1. An art space, livable art project, something sustainable on its own
    - ii. Projects that involve a diverse group of neighborhoods
    - iii. Projects that highlight multi-cultural elements
    - iv. Collaborations
    - v. Outdoor performances
    - vi. Traditional arts
    - vii. Projects that engage new audience members
    - viii. Non-traditional projects
    - ix. Youth-led projects
    - x. Elder-led projects
    - xi. Intergenerational projects
- V. Next Meeting:
  - a. Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 in Mayor's Reception Room