Minutes of 11/9/23 Jersey City Art and Culture Trust Fund Committee Meeting

Attendance, Elizabeth Phillips-Lorenzo, Midori Yoshimoto, Melida Rojas, Paul Pinto, Mira Prinz-Arey (Councilwoman), Bryant Small (JC Arts Council), Christine Goodman (JC Office of Cultural Affairs), and Robinson Holloway (member of the public)

5:53 Call to order

 Sunshine Statement

 Roll call

 Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

 Discussion of Minutes from 10/26/23 (approval tabled)

6:04 New Business

Hiring of a full-time admin using the fund

Discussion of possible job descriptions

(Grant manager? This person will administer all tasks involved with the fund, liaison to the JC Arts Council)

6:15 Robinson Holloway cautions that JC Arts Council already takes 5%. If a new admin takes 5% the public would be concerned that grants for the artists would decrease

6:18 LPL creates the motion: for Christine Goodman to create a job description to start a discussion about this possible admin position; seconded by PP

6:22 BS reports that a candidate for a new committee member for Ward E is considering what’s involved in the position. Hopefully the conversation will wrap up in a few weeks.

6:24 Robinson Holloway reports that funding (corporations etc) in art is decreasing in general. This grant is crucial, but the large organizations with big budgets wouldn’t take time to apply. The application process is too involved. JCAST needs funding.

 PP and MR thanked RH for her comments and her work.

6:32 MY asked CG why JCAST cannot be funded by JCACT.

6:35 Tina Maneca (public) joined. Suggested that JCAST needs to be established as a not-for-profit organization.

6:39 Meeting adjourned.