

**Creative Communities**  
**February 7, 2018**  
**Mineland Reclamation**  
**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Mary McReynolds, Dave Setnicker, Kathy Dodge, Jan Carey, Lorrie Janatopoulos, Tammy Mattonen and Sara Ferkul

The group first reviewed the draft grant program guidelines that Drew and ARAC put together. The first addition was adding the Cool & Creative mission to the first paragraph instead of just mentioning the mission. We also need to add that in order to be eligible for the grant you must attend the Cool & Creative event. We would like to add the questions of, how are you going to complete your project? And adding where you are going to do this project? And we also want to re-word the question that mentions inclusiveness. We would like it to say something about spirit of connectivity or bridging communities.

Our group will select a review panel for the grant applications, up to 5 people. We did think that there should only be one person that serves on the ARAC board on the review panel. Also, anyone that is on the Creative Communities committee can be on the review panel unless they decide to apply for the grant. Jan Carey and Lorrie Janatopoulos both volunteered to be on the panel, but Lorrie will need to check her schedule to be sure she is available. The group also made some additional suggestions.

ARAC will be formatting the program and the staff will be helping with organization of the applications as well. They will also create a scoring template.

There was also discussion on distribution of the money once the grants have been awarded. Will the money be given in the full amount when the grant is awarded? Or will they need to ask for reimbursements? We will be confirming with ARAC to see how they typically distribute their grant money.

When the grants are awarded we will also ask the grantees to present their outcomes from their projects. This will help us learn from their experiences and have the ability to assist other artists in the future.

A Cool & Creative Facebook page has now been made. This will be an ongoing page that can be used for artists to keep in contact with each other.

**Next Meeting:**

March 7, 2018  
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