

Orleans Cultural District Committee Charge

The Orleans Cultural District Committee (OCDC) will be appointed by the Select Board for the purpose of administering the Orleans Cultural District, as designated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to the Town of Orleans, with the following **mission**:

The OCDC promotes arts and culture, enabling and investing in a broad array of cultural experiences and culturally focused businesses. By creating new programs and events while supporting and collaborating with local and regional organizations, the OCDC strives to stimulate local business and drive the creative economy. As an active facilitator, the OCDC encourages and inspires visitors and residents, of all ages, to gather and share cultural experiences that build a healthier, more vital, connected community.

The Committee shall act as an agency of the Town in pursuit of goals of the Cultural District and report to the Select Board. In accordance with guidelines set by the MCC, the Committee shall administer programs and directives to retain and expand arts and cultural activities in Orleans.

Committee membership shall consist of not less than 5 nor more than 15 members appointed to overlapping 3-year terms and be representative of the spectrum of arts and cultural organizations, businesses, and entities within Orleans. The quorum for the purpose of conducting business shall be the majority of the then appointed members.

The **goals** for the district include:

1. Encouraging and enhancing the membership and participation of Cultural District partners
2. Promoting free community events such as live music and performances, during events like Celebrate Our Waters and the Orleans Block Party along with investing in new cultural events and traditions
3. Promoting events which strengthen the community calendar by working with the Chamber of Commerce and other Town Departments
4. Creating a thriving environment for arts and cultural businesses, artists and artisans
5. Maintaining communication and collaborating with local and regional cultural organizations like the Cape Cod Chamber, the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod and others to increase cultural diversity overall

Fulfillment of these goals will position Orleans as an attractive tourist destination by strengthening the overall visitor experience.

The Committee shall meet at least monthly at Town Hall or other approved venues and in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. Minutes of meetings will be filed with the Town Clerk's office within 30 days of each meeting.