

**CALOP Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2015**  
**University City, U City Library, Auditorium**  
**6:00 PM**

**Members in Attendance:** David Stokes, Dennis Riggs, Patricia McQueen, Edward Luby, Dennis Finnegan, Claire Linzee

**Members Excused:** Beth Norton

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Terry Crow

**Guests:** Vicki Atlas, Catharine Magel, Master Sergeant Robert Ellis, Taunia Mason, John Baker, Sandra Olmsted, Cheryl Anderson, and Brian Woodman

**Others in Attendance:** Patrick Wall, Keith Cole

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. McQueen, acting Chairperson for the meeting, at 6:07pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Linzee and seconded by Mr. Finnegan. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the February 26, 2015, minutes by Mr. Finnegan and seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Items**

Presentations/Grant Proposals:

Open Heart Expansion – Vicki Atlas, Atlas Productions, and Catharine Magel

Open Heart Expansion: Healing the St. Louis Region and Beyond – this documentary film will show how a community works together in the building and healing process of racial divide. With the Open Heart Expansion and the Heart-to-Heart Workshops, healing practitioners, and concerned citizens join together as ONE to help heal pain through a Creative Arts & Healing Process.

Keeping Saddam Alive: An American Soldier’s Story – Taunia Mason, Go Getter Productions, John Baker Sandra Olmsted, Cheryl Anderson, and Master Sergeant Robert Ellis

A documentary about the personal experience of MSG Robert Ellis while stationed in Iraq. Based on Ellis’ book, *Caring for Victor: A U.S. Army Nurse and Saddam Hussein*, this documentary will take the audience on a journey that only Ellis experienced. Through the use of interviews, re-enactments, photographs, this documentary will show first-hand account about the unique relationship between Robert Ellis and Saddam Hussein.

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DocSpot – Brian Woodman teaches film at Webster University. Brian would partner with Kathy Corley on this project. This is a preliminary proposal; full proposal will be at next meeting, April 23, 2015.

DocSpot Project is a multidisciplinary project that will engage local youth in exploring and elucidating issues pertaining to race, segregation, economic disparity, police treatment, and community relations, all while providing these youth with a creative outlet and real-world media training. The project will be multi-tiered, will require cooperation with after school programs in several sites around the metro area, and will engage middle-school and high school students in developing tools of self-expression.

Johnnie Be Good – Art Holliday plans to be at the next meeting to discuss the progress of the project and will be asking for additional funds.

History of CALOP – CALOP was formed on January 5, 1981 with Ordinance #5824. Ms. McQueen spoke about the history of CALOP and how the commission seemed to have changed from the beginning until now. Discussed the Five Year Plan and if we are operating under this plan or do the Commission need to change the plan. There needs to be direction in place. Mr. Stokes stated the Commission should not accept any further proposals to be discussed, other than the ones from tonight, until the Commission can figure out what direction it wants to take.

Mr. Finnegan announced he would be moving out of University City and will be resigning as a member. He will stay on until he sells his house. The next meeting may be his last meeting to attend.

A motion was made to table the nomination of Chairman and Vice Chairman by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Finnegan. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Cole reported as of February 2015, the current year to date expenses and ending fund balance. A motion was made by Ms. Linzee and seconded by Mr. Stokes to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the proposal from the University City High School Broadcasting class, Mr. Curtis Stuart, in the amount of \$6,025.96, by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Luby. The motion carried unanimously.

### **5 Year Plan**

A motion was made to table the Five Year Plan until May or June 2015 so that this would be the only item on the agenda and to discuss the future plan of CALOP by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Finnegan. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Liaison Report**

**Victim's Voices:** Project is complete; needs to have paperwork signed off.

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**Jim Crow to Barack Obama:** Project is complete; needs to have paperwork signed off.

**Elegy to Connie:** Project is complete; needs to have paperwork signed off.

**CALOP School Project:** Mr. Stuart has sent Ms. McQueen a list of electronic devices in which the remaining funds could be used to purchase. A motion was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Luby, to give \$6,025.96, to the CALOP School Project. The motion carried unanimously.

**Johnnie Be Good:** Ms. McQueen presented an update. Art Holliday plans to be at the next meeting to discuss the progress of the project and will be asking for additional funds.

**The Fred Wehrenberg Story:** Mr. Rubbelke continues to work on the project. A motion was made to extend the project for six months, 09/25/15, by Mr. Finnegan and seconded by Mr. Luby. The motion carried unanimously.

**Flamingo Productions:** A motion was made to table the pursuit of legal options until the next meeting by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Finnegan. The motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date (Tentative)**

The next meeting is scheduled for tentatively, April 23, 2015, at 6:00 pm. Location is U City Library – Room 2.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Luby. The motion carried unanimously.