



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
March 12, 2020
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

Members Present:

Karla Brown, Garrie Burr, Richard Massey, Eleanor Mullin, Marian Reed, Winnie Sullivan, Nicole Thomas, John Tieman, Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Kay Watts

Excused: Carol Jackson, Barbara Santoro, Cindy Thierry

Also in attendance: Councilman Bwayne Smotherson, Staff Liaison, Lynda Euell-Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mr. John Tieman, President.

Minutes: Mr. Burr moved we accept the February minutes, Ms. Reed seconded, approved by Acclamation.

Citizens' comments:

Washington University Public Art Project class instructor **Meaghan _____** provided handouts of student works. In lieu of COVID-19, students have been required to move out of the dorms and classes will be held online for the remainder of semester. The commission was presented the option to have the project printed and posted as planned – students would not have the opportunity to see their works posted or participate in the reception; or postpone and combine the project with next year's class presenting both classes.

Ms. Watts moved to present both classes next year, Mrs. Mullin seconded, approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Sullivan reported: Closing balances as of January 31, 2020:

General Fund: \$10,054.99.

Levy Fund: \$19,666.91.

Starlight Fund: \$3,439.12.

Awaiting receipt of MAC Grant in the amount of \$806.00.

Mrs. Mullin moved approval; Ms. Watts seconded. Approved by acclamation.

Staff Liaison:

No report.

Arts & Letters Commission binders provided for commissioners who did not receive upon joining the commission

Council Liaison:

- Mr. Smotherson brought attention to the Historic Preservation Commissions decision to decline two designs presented, based on aesthetics, for the development of the Delmar Harvard School hotel project. Mr. Smotherson will coordinate a presentation for the Arts & Letters Commission to see the proposed project.

Committee Reports:

- Calendar Art: Ms. Reed & Ms. Watts have an upcoming meeting with Allison

- Finance: No committee meeting held. Committee will meet during the executive board meeting .
- Literary: No committee meeting held. Mr. Tieman is awaiting response from the River Sticks spoken word group on making University City a permanent location to hold readings.
- Marketing: No representation. No report in absence of Ms. Thierry.
- Public Art: In lieu of COVID-19, project will resume next school year.
- Returning Artists: 2020 returning artist: Mr. Danny Dumaine
- Starlight Concerts: Zumba event was a success with approximately 35-40 participants of an array of cultural backgrounds.

Dates & confirmed bands presented to commission:

June 1, 2020 – Convertibles

July 6, 2020 - TBA

June 8, 2020 – Latin Band

July 13 2020 – TBA

June 15, 2020 – Charles Glenn

July 20, 2020 – Rain Day

June 22, 2020 – Coleman-Hughes Project

June 29, 2020 - Flirt

Details will be shared with the Marketing Committee to help promote concerts.

Mr. Burr moved to accept 2020 concerts dates, Ms. Watts seconded, approved by acclimation.

Discussion around additional band genres for next year's lineup – Indian, Cabaret, Big Band, etc. and returning to gift card raffles during concerts.

Concert dates presented for 2021 & 2022

2021 Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28 & July 5, 12, 19, 26

2022 Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27 & July 2, 11, 18, 25

New Business:

Recommendation will be made to City Council NOT to accept proposed public art presented by Mr. Emring.

Discussion of Arts & Letters Commission Ordinance tabled for April meeting. Approved by acclamation.

Old Business:

Structure statement needed from each committee within the Arts & Letters Commission

Announcements: Mr. Tieman shared updates on the Storm Water System committee meeting

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Mullin, seconded by Ms. Watts. A pproved by the acclimation.