



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters  
City of University City  
**October 11, 2018**  
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

**Members Present:**

Garrie Burr, Fred Fehr, Carol Jackson, Richard Massey, Lauren Masterson Rodriguez, Marian Reed, Barbara Santoro, Winnie Sullivan, Nicole Thomas, John Tieman, Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Kay Watts

**Absent:**

Lawanda Hinton

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by president, Garrie Burr. New member Eleanor Mullin was introduced, though she was excused from the meeting.

**Minutes:** Approved (motion by John, second by Marian) with corrections: Total cost for literary totaled \$1,500 in the past; it is expected that they will be a little more this year. The following correct spelling for names: Massey, Tieman, and Schlaifer.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Winnie presented September financial summary. It was approved (motion by Lauren and Fred). Winnie will write a MAC grant after the Literary ceremony.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Lynda distributed nametags; an updated phone list will be available soon. Contributions of candy are requested for Trunk or Treat.

**Council Liaison Report:** Bwayne Smotherson confirmed that Council has taken a final vote and named a contractor to tear down the teahouse and sculptures. The Council is looking at all commissions in order to update, review their purposes, etc.

**Committee Reports**

- Calendar Art – All required submissions have been made to the appropriate City departments. Calendars are to be printed the first week of November. Rod Milam would like complimentary copies for out-of-town participants.
- Finance -- no report
- Literary – Gerald Early will be honored with the Tradition of Literary Excellence Award on 10/27. We will pay \$250 for weekend use of City Hall's fifth floor. Tickets available from Brown Paper Tickets, or PayPal at the door. LaRita Wright (UC Public Library retiree), UCHS Journalism students (staff advisor Mary Williams), Paul Trans, MFA (Literary Achievement) will also be honored. A&L volunteers are requested to help with event.
- Marketing -- Lauren reminded all that events are being posted on Facebook; please share. There was a brief discussion as to consideration of Snapchat use.
- Movies -- no report
- Public Art-- Sage Dawson (WU Sam Fox faculty) will attend our November meeting to make a presentation of this year's project.

- Returning Artist – The reception with Jeff Anderson will be held in the UCHS library/media center at 7:00 on 11/14. Commission volunteers are requested to arrive about 6:30; light refreshments will be served.
- Starlight Concerts -- Richard has verbal commitments from some artists for next summer; he expects contract signing to begin within two weeks. He is looking at the budget and considering a Zumba fundraiser at the Commons in January. (\$200 rental for the space)

**New Business:** 1) Executive Board terms: The current board and our Council liaison have considered what changes might be made, in the event that new officers can't be found. The current board members have agreed to serve another six months only, in order to give newer commissioners time to become eligible (according to by-laws) to serve. Commissioners should consider who might fill these positions.  
2) Holiday party on December 13th (second Thursday): potluck at Kay's house, 7:00. More details next month.

**Old Business:** None

**Announcements:** Homecoming this weekend; Trunk or Treat candy deadline--October 25; International Film Festival--free films at Washington University November 1; UCHS students and community will perform on December 8

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.