

Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
June 8, 2017

Members Present:

Garrie Burr, Fred Fehr, Melcine Henderson, Lawanda Hinton, Lauren Masterson Rodriguez, Marian Reed, Barbara Santoro, Winnie Sullivan, Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Myra Vandersall, Kay Watts

Excused: Felicia Hickman, Richard Massie, Stephanie Schlaifer, Nicole Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by president, Garrie Burr, who welcomed new commissioner Lauren Masterson Rodriguez.

Minutes from May 11, 2017. Melcine Henderson moved approval, subject to audit, Kay Watts seconded, approved with corrections. Barbara abstained due to absence from the May meeting.

Citizen Comments: None

Treasurer's Report: 1) Winnie Sullivan has been in the process of clearing up with the bank the issue of a check inappropriately presented by a former sculpture student as well as the issue of the Starlight account's having been set up incorrectly. The Starlight account has been corrected. 2) This year's RAC funds are available as expected, and we have received the award letter for FY.

Staff Liaison Report: No report in Ms. Euell-Taylor's absence

Council Liaison Report: No report in Mr. Smotherson's absence

Committee Reports

- Finance – No new report; meeting to be scheduled
- Marketing – Website has been updated; please report any problems found
- Policies & Procedures – No report; meeting to be scheduled
- Literary – The plan is to pursue sidewalk poetry. Lit in the Lou will not be held because of the literary festival; the literary excellence award will be announced and the gala will be held. The new Patricia McKissack award will be presented.
- Photo Show – Photo submissions will be accepted through August 13th. The committee is in the process of finding judges.
- Public Art – Garrie will meet with Noah soon to plan for next year's event.
- Returning Artist – Kay has tried to contact Theo Peoples; Melcine volunteered to contact him.
- Starlight Concerts – The first concert was well attended and concession sales went well. Ticket sales are more successful from the grounds instead of only at the table. An announcement will be made to call attention to table sales. Marian has done a great job of teaching the concession volunteers; several gaps in concert dates need to be filled with volunteers. Lauren volunteered to prepare a draft questionnaire for evaluative comments about the concerts.

Old Business: Wilmetta will send questions out by email for Movies in the Park; Garrie will turn in reservations for Mannequins in the Loop reception; Garrie will send information through email about Creative Community Association event.

New Business: Garrie and Stephanie will represent Arts & Letters as judges for the utility box painting; winners to be announced 6/15/17. U. City Summer Band concert 6/13/17 at 7 p.m. Loop Arts Festival 6/21-24, Chalk the Loop, Make Music, literary, arts, gallery included.

Announcements: We will have brochures and photos show flyers available at Fair U. City

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m