



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
March 9, 2017

Members Present:

Garrie Burr, Melcine Henderson, Felicia Hickman, Lawanda Hinton, Barbara Santoro, Stephanie Schlaifer, Nicole Thomas, Kay Watts

Excused: Fred Fehr, Marian Reed, Winnie Sullivan, Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Myra Vandersall

Staff Liaison: Lynda Euell-Taylor

Council Liaison: Bwayne Smotherson

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by president, Garrie Burr, who welcomed Noah Kirby's "Public Practices" sculpture class.

2017 Sculpture Presentations: The students presented their plans and responded to questions for each of two possible sculptures to be installed in Heman Park, along Vernon Ave. The Parks Commission has given enthusiastic approval to both "Mound 28" and "Sunswell." After discussion, our commission voted to fund "Mound 28." Lynda Euell-Taylor will help with contracts and signage. The students asked for \$40 for a "Coming Soon" banner to install in the area. The funds were approved unanimously; we will provide logos and information to recognize donors to the project.

Minutes from February 9, 2017. Stephanie Schlaifer moved approval, Felicia Hickman seconded, approved unanimously

Citizen Comments: None

Treasurer's Report: No report in the absence of the treasurer. Our RAC grant application has received high ratings and we expect to be funded at approximately the same level as last year.

Staff Liaison Report: There is the possibility of a site change for our May meeting. Lynda will let us know.

Council Liaison Report: Bwayne Smotherson asked to clarify the process for re-appointing commissioners when their first term is up.

Committee Reports

- Finance – The "Divided City" meeting was attended by committee members, specific interest is funding, and the application is due at the end of March. This represents only one year of funding.
- Marketing – There is a March 24 deadline for ROARS. Garrie will send Public Art information to Myra for posting.
- Policies & Procedures – Following executive board discussion, Kay requests that chairs send draft timeline and lists of how/when things are done.
- Literary – no report in Winnie's absence
- Photo Show – no report in Fred's absence
- Public Art – "Mound 28" has been chosen for creation and installation. We discussed involving Parks Commission with the reception in April.
- Returning Artist – Kay reported that the program was a success and student response to Stan Ford was great. He also enjoyed the program and has sent an email to that effect to Kay.
- Starlight Concerts – All confirmations are in; contracts will go out shortly.

Old Business: An ad hoc committee will be appointed to find direction for increasing fundraising. Myra will serve, Finance committee will help. U. City in Bloom, RAC, past commissioners, etc. will be considered for initial mailing list.

New Business: None

Announcements: 1) Nicole is working on a 2nd annual block party at 66th and Olive. Arts & Letters is invited to participate to raise funds on the Sunday after Memorial Day. 2) Fair U. City will be held June 9-11.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.