



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters  
City of University City  
October 8, 2015

**Members Present:**

Garrie Burr, Fred Fehr, Brad Heinemann, Melcine Henderson, Marian Reed, Barbara Romero, Barbara Santoro, Stephanie Schlaifer, Bwayne Smotherson, Winnie Sullivan, Nicole Thomas, Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Myra Vandersall, Kay Watts

**Excused:** Bwayne Smotherson, Joy Wade

Staff Liaison,: Lynda Euell-Taylor

Council Liaison: Mayor Shelley Welsch

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by chair, Melcine Henderson.

Minutes from September 10, 2015: Time called to order was 6:51 p.m. Mr. Burr moved approval, unanimous with noted change of time.

**Citizen Comments:** no citizen comments

**Presentation:** no presentation

**Council Liaison Report:** Mayor Welsch announced Make a Difference Day on 10/24/15 –cleaning home, alleys, River des Peres. All are invited to a meeting on 10/29/15 to explore ways to improve U. City’s summer camp program. There is a U. City Volunteer Corps Facebook page at University City Citizen Volunteer Corps.

**Treasurers Report:** Ms. Sullivan presented three monthly reports, due to her absence in September, and gave a summary of each correction of the July ending balance will be made; any further discrepancies will be noted in October and a vote will be taken then.

**Staff Liaison Report:**

Ms. Euell-Taylor passed out committee budget numbers. Calendar dates are due to her by the end of October.

**Committee Reports**

- Lit in the Lou – The winner’s award was presented at the Friday reception, programs on Saturday and Sunday were excellent, although overall turnout was disappointing. Ms. Sullivan reported that discussions of possible changes will start in November: folding earlier fall programming into the weekend, possibilities for growth (event planners, etc.) will be considered.
- Community Visuals – Mr. Burr reports: 1) Committee members met with the Washington University students to hear initial ideas for 2016 show. Final presentations will be made to the Commission at December meeting; we will choose a maximum of four projects, one of which is paid by the university. Noah Kirby will supply us with basic questions to ask the students. Models will be displayed in the library gallery in February and at CreateSpace. Opening reception will be April 17, 2016. 2) “Hands of Change” has been removed as scheduled. Mr. Kirby plans to ask for approval for the chairs to remain in Millar Park until spring. Jared Stein is requesting permission to leave Stockade in place for an additional period.
- Marketing – Mr. Burr reports that the committee, along with Community Visuals, will meet with the Levy family to discuss fundraising options in order to keep the Levy funds replenished.
- Photo Show – Ms. Romero noted that the photos were displayed at City Hall during the U. City in Bloom Garden Tour. Choices for the 2017 calendar will be made at the end of this meeting from the photos submitted to the show.
- Returning Artist – Ms. Watts reported that the committee is waiting for the School District to confirm dates. Bio information will be sent to Mr. Burr for publicity.
- Starlight Concerts – Musicians have been chosen for 2016 and more details will be given at a future meeting.

**Old Business:** The nominating committee (Mr. Fehr, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Toliver-Diallo) presented the slate below. Additional nominations are welcome and the vote will be taken at the November meeting.

President, Melcine Henderson; Vice Presiden, Garrie Burr; Treasurer, Winnie Sullivan; Secretary, Barbara Santoro

**New Business:** New members would like more information about committees and to consider an informal get-together outside of our regular meeting. Ms. Euell-Taylor will check on the legality of this.

**Other Business:** Ms. Henderson encourages outgoing members to suggest replacements. The fact that this is a working commission was noted again. Event chairs should make specific requests for the help and supplies that they need in time to allow volunteers to commit.

2017 calendar photos were selected by the Commission.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.