



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
September 10, 2015

Members Present:

Garrie Burr, Fred Fehr, Melcine Henderson, Barbara Romero, Barbara Santoro, Stephanie Schlaifer, Bwayne Smotherson, Nicole Thomas, Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Myra Vandersall

Excused: Brad Heinemann, Winnie Sullivan, Kay Watts

Absent: Marian Reed, Joy Wade

Staff Liaison: Lynda Euell-Taylor

Council Liaison: Mayor Shelley Welsch

The meeting was called to order at 7:51 by chair, Melcine Henderson. Roll call determined a quorum was present and no changes requested to agenda.

Minutes from July 9, 2015: Mr. Burr moved approval, Ms. Schlaifer seconded; unanimous approval

Citizen Comments: No citizen comments

Presentation: on 2016 Sculpture Series – “Boundaries” update: Noah Kirby, Audrey Lucas (WU Brown school masters candidate) and Arny Nadler. Mr. Nadler gave a brief history of the series, now into its 30th year. Marvin Levy of University City Commission on Arts & Letters and Jim Stirrat of WU launched the program. Mr. Kirby explained the transition from an embed in the sculpture program to a stand-alone entity aligned with community activities and with specific themes. Ms. Lucas reported her progress and current efforts to archive and arrange the series' artwork. Mr. Kirby shared requirement changes for this year's students. Students from the class attended this A&L meeting.

Treasurers Report: No report in Ms. Sullivan's absence

Staff Liaison Report:

Ms. Euell-Taylor provided information: 1) an update on the Olive Link, 2) committee chairs need to submit their '16/17 budgets by 11/1/15 and 3) calendar information by 9/30/15, 4) yard sale/resource fair/first free document shredding day on 9/12/15, 5) the 13th annual puppy pool party on 9/12 and 9/13/15.

Council Liaison Report

Mayor Welsch reported that the roundabout is complete; trolley construction in U. City will be completed by Thanksgiving. Loop merchants are sponsoring a Loop Is Open campaign; visittheloop.com. Style in the Loop will be held 9/26/15 and 9/27/15.

Committee Reports

- Community Visuals – Mr. Burr reports: 1) “Recollections” plaque (donated by the Parks Foundation) is being completed and installed. 2) Sculptures will be taken down at the end of September, although Gold & Silver will remain on the web. 3) the 2016 reception will be held on April 16 on the first and second floors of City Hall; fee has been waived. Ms. Schlaifer has created a graphic which may be chosen for publicity. Ms. Lucas (WU) expects to have created a site for the archives by 4/16/16.
- Literary – Ms. Sullivan sent the following information: The Lit in the Lou reception will be held on October 2 on the fifth floor of City Hall; the winner will be announced at that time. Tickets are \$25. Programming will be held on 10/3/15 and 10/4/15 at Julia Goldstein Early Education Center.
- Marketing – Mr. Burr reports that the committee and WU are planning invitations for the Sculpture invitations. RAC's database will be available. RAC will send arts info to A&L and we will post civic arts as well as our events on the website.
- Photo Show – Ms. Romero reported photos will be hung tomorrow at The Green Center and will be judged next week. The reception will be held as planned in conjunction with U City in Bloom's Garden Tour and photos will be displayed at City Hall. Calendar choices will be made by A&L members at the October meeting. We will need to purchase prizes. Helpers are requested to help transport photos to City Hall and to remove after the reception for transport to the bank. Several commissioners volunteered.
- Returning Artist – Mr. Smotherson reported Wiley Price, UCHS class of 1975, will be the returning artist for 2016. The schedule is to be determined, and concerns about reception space and date will be addressed.

- Starlight Concerts – Ms. Henderson reported that profits were good, considering that two concerts had to be canceled due to rain. More volunteers are needed in the future for selling tickets (45 minutes). Thanks to Ms. Vandersall for obtaining prizes.

Old Business

- By-laws have been completed and forwarded to Andrea Riganti to present to the City Council.
- Robert's Rules of Order: Contact staff liaison to before meeting absence; include city clerk and city manager on all group email, information from staff excluded; copy commission president on all emails; post subcommittee meetings
- The Temporary Sculpture Park reception will be held on September 26. Olive Beautification is exploring ideas for art and awarding forgivable grants; A&L is among civic groups and area citizens working in this group. It is hoped that non university-related artists will submit ideas for projects.

New Business -- No new business

Other Business –1) Nominating committee accepted: Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Fred Fehr. 2) Commissioner badge orders due to Ms. Euell-Taylor by 9/16/15.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.