



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
February 11, 2014
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Adelia Parker-Castro called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Other members present were Melcine Henderson, Audrey Jones, Mary Dee Schmidt, Winnifred Sullivan, Bonnie Tesson, Barbara Romero Kay Watts, Susan Stang,

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison
Paulette Carr, Council Liaison

Excused Absence: Charlotte Tatum, Frederick Fehr, Garrie Burr, Ann Cortinovic, Bobette Patton and Joy Wade
Unexcused Absence:

Disposition of Minutes from January 14, 2014

Ms. Henderson moved approval, Ms. Watts seconded. Vote taken: all approval.

Citizen's comments on items not on Agenda

There were no comments at this time

Amendment to Agenda

Order of Agenda was amended

Presentation

A slide presentation of the Two Dimensional Print Series was presented by President Adelia Parker-Castro.

Slides of the student works for the 2014 series were viewed. Dean Buzz Spector was ill and did not attend.

Discussion- Federal/State not-for profit status Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Stang and Ms. Watts reported on information that was gathered from former commissioners and information gathered from other grant agencies. Ms. Stang to speak with Lehman Walker for some further clarification before the next meeting. Ms. Watts made motion to table vote on status until next month, Ms Schmidt seconded motion. Vote taken: all approved.

Presentation: CSIRKL Update- Deborah Horsfall Morley, Shelly Goebel-Parker and Stefani Weeden Smith

A lively Discussion of and clarification of CSIRKL's mission and relationship with Arts and Letters occurred. Currently Arts and Letters is acting as the physical agent for CSIRKL's grant. The research component of CSIRKL was discussed. Ms. Weeden-Smith shared that the program is beginning after school at Brittany Woods. Ms Weeden-Smith reported on the number of youth served and reported on CSIRKL's 2013 expenditures and budget. Ms. Parker-Castro provided some background material on the youth initiative programming. A suggestion was made that CSIRKL might be part of the new Youth Commission.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Sullivan distributed the financial summary for February 2014. She clarified the funds including the Portman fund.

Staff Liaison Report

No report at this time.

Council Liaison Report

Ms. Carr reported that the Ackert Walkway Arch was approved by the Park Commission in their last meeting.

Committee Reports

- Literary Series: Ms. Sullivan reported that there had been no new meeting, but they will resume.
- Marketing and development: Good coverage for Returning Artist in the Beacon.
- Photo Show: no report other than application is being printed
- Returning Artist: Ms. Watts presented report about the sessions given by Mr. Weltman in the schools. Student response was enthusiastic, reception attendance was hampered by the weather. An evaluation tool was given to the classroom teachers.
- Sculpture series : No report
- Bi-laws: No report
- Starlight Concert: The line-up for 2014 is set

Old Business

There is need for a refashioning of some of the By-laws, but no formal report at this time

New Business

A report about the partnership between the University City Library and Arts and Letters was presented by Christa Van Herreweghe. During the month of June in the library galley there will be a 2014 Invitational Art Show. It will be a curated show and there are artist in line who wish to show their work.

Adjournment

Ms. Schmidt moved to adjourn. Ms. Watts seconded. The meeting ended at 8:55 pm.