



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

President Adelia Parker-Castro called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Other members present were Garrie Burr, Ann Cortinovis, Fredrick Fehr, Melcine Henderson, Bobette Patton, Barbara Romero, Mary Dee Schmidt, Winnifred Sullivan, Charlotte Tatum, Bonnie Tesson, Joy Wade, Kay Watts

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

Excused Absence: Audrey Jones, Susan Stang

**Disposition of Minutes from February 11, 2014**

Ms. Henderson moved approval of minutes as corrected, Ms. Tatum seconded. Vote taken: all approval.

**Amendment to Agenda**

Agenda was amended; Movies in the Park Presentation and Federal/State not for profit status Ad Hoc Committee were deleted from the agenda

**Presentation**

Public Works and Parks Director Rich Wilson presented information about the Ackert Walkway. Mr. Wilson presented slides of the designs. He discussed history of project, Ackert Plaza Improvements and the current involvement of Great Rivers Greenway. The current plan has been approved by the Parks Commission. Kay Watts made a motion that Arts and Letters sign off on the plan Melcine Henderson seconded motion, vote taken all approved.

**Presentation**

Sculpture Series film produced by CALOP was presented by President Adelia Parker-Castro. The sculpture series has been sustained for 28 years. A Proclamation is to be issued by the City. Comments made by Ms. Carr about her reaction to film and the enriching effect of the Sculpture series.

**Treasurer Report**

Ms. Sullivan distributed the financial summary for March 2014. She stated that the IRS had received our filing and that there was no further IRS requirement. Ms. Sullivan also reported that the 501c3 letter is being mailed and recommended that a central repository be established. Ms. Sullivan also would like a set of internal financial control for handling invoices and record keeping

**Staff Liaison Report**

Ms. Euell-Taylor requested list of who is cycling off the committee. She also stated that she will be turning over the RAC grant to a committee rather than doing this herself. She discussed some of the personnel changes at RAC. She also mentioned Heman Park and that the Master Plan for the Park might include an art area by Midland and Purdue.

**Council Liaison Report**

Ms Carr verbalized her pleasure in presenting the Proclamation for Collaborative Exhibitions at yesterday's City Council meeting. She also mentioned recent Trolley grant and election information. There will be no Council meeting on April 14

### **Committee Reports**

....Literary Series.. Mr. Sullivan reported that Family Weekend at Washington University occurs at the same time as the Lit in the Lou Festival. They have had good response from those in the Trinity area. She discussed various ways they will be promoting the festival such as part of the STL 250. There is an upcoming meeting on March 24.

....Marketing Development..Mr. Burr discussed the goals and schedules for brochure. He also wishes to network and attend more events and increase publicity of Arts and Letters events.

.....Photo Show..Ms. Romero reported that the photo show will receive photo from March 25-29. Reception for photo show will be at Centennial Commons on April 13.

.....Returning Artist...There was nice coverage in Roars. Also returning Artist Marlon West worked on recent new movie Frozen.

.....Sculpture Series...The two sculptures will be on Wilson Avenue. April 5<sup>th</sup> is the goal for pictures for Facebook page. Ms. Parker reported that Noah has been very helpful and that the students value the opportunity. Reception will take place on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. All of the models will be shown at the reception.

.....Starlight Series...no report

....Two Dimensional Print Series. A written report was filed by President Parker-Castro. There are three judges for the scholarships. Some discussion ensued about the upcoming Martin Levy event. There will be a commemorative catalogue printed. A gallery talk and Martin Levy Celebration will occur on April 25, from 7-9pm

### **Old Business**

...Invitational Art Show will occur at the library in June 2014. This will feature University City Artists and hopefully will occur every two years in the future.

...Susan submitted written report updates from her discussion with City Manager Lehman Walker.

### **New Business**

April 8<sup>th</sup> is election night so it was decided that our next meeting would be April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting and Charlotte Tatum seconded. All in favor. The meeting ended at 8:50