



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
February 12, 2013
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Adelia Parker-Castro called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other members present were Garrie Burr, Ann Cortinovic, Frederick Fehr, Melcine Henderson, Bobette Patton, Barbara Romero, Mary Dee Schmidt, Winnie Sullivan, Joy Wade, Kay Watts

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Excused Absences: Maria D'Agrosa-Sweeney, Charlotte Tatum and Paulette Carr, Council Liaison

Unexcused Absence: Bonnie Tesson

Disposition of Minutes from January 8, 2013

Ms. Parker Castro asked for Christa Van Herrewegh's last name to be added to description of "Citizen's Comments on Items not on Agenda." Ms. Watts asked for correction to 2-D report, changing Ms. Henderson to Ms. Parker-Castro. Ms. Henderson moved approval of minutes with corrections, Ms. Schmidt seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Scheduled Citizen Comments

Dean Buzz Spector, Dean of the College & Graduate School of Art at Washington University in St. Louis presented the work of the candidates for the 2013 2-D Art Show.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Patton reported: Ms. Patton distributed a copy of the latest commission bank statement, reflecting the balance as of January 31, 2013. She also presented a guideline for commissioners to use when reporting their expenses. Ms. Patton stated she plans to come up with a method of identifying what the incoming checks are meant for.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Euell-Taylor distributed to the commissioners guidelines for the inclusion of Arts & Letters events into Council Liaison Carr's newsletter.

Committee Reports

- Sculpture: Ms. Schmidt reported on discussions regarding the reception. Ms. Parker-Castro suggested the Two-D and Sculpture committee meet to finalize plans for the event. Ms. Schmidt also noted a request for funds will be submitted at the March meeting. She said the sculpture committee had agreed to view the finished art at noon before the reception to decide "Best of Show." Ms. Cortinovic presented a copy of the reception's postcard invitation.
- Returning Artist: Ms. Watts indicated she was very pleased with this year's event and would present a written report to the commission in March.

- Photo Show: Ms. Wade presented the finished brochures and asked commissioners to assist in distribution. She reported local merchants Blueberry Hill, Creve Coeur Camera and Schiller Camera have offered support to this year's show and have donated prizes. Ms. Parker-Castro stated judges for the show would be Wiley Price (UCHS Hall of Famer, Photo Journalist from the St. Louis American Newspaper) and Professor Terry Shure, (Director of Gallery 210, University of Missouri-St. Louis).
- Starlight Concert: Ms. Henderson reported the line-up and dates of the 2013 shows and stated she was awaiting final contracts to be signed. She indicated new acts were selected again this season to keep things fresh. At the March meeting she will discuss gift certificates for the concert raffles and soliciting volunteers from the commission for helping work the shows.
- 2-D Print Series: Ms. Parker-Castro announced the judges for the show -- Dr. Jacqueline Lewis Harris (Director of the Center for Human Origin and Cultural Development) and Mr. William Curtis (Artist and former Arts & Letters Commissioner). She indicated Dick Blick had donated gift certificates and the committee will need to consider what to do with them. Ms. Parker-Castro also reported they will be discussing what additional funding may be needed.
- Marketing: Ms Parker-Castro presented the new letterhead and envelope labels. Ms. Euell-Taylor indicated a template of the letterhead would be created for commissioner's use. Mr. Burr indicated he would send commissioners the email address (ucityartsandletters@gmail.com) and website address (ucityartsandletters.org).

Old Business

None

New Business

Ms. Parker-Castro introduced new commissioner, Winnie Sullivan.

Adjournment

Ms. Schmidt moved to adjourn. Mr. Burr seconded. Meeting ended at 8:54 pm.