



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
July 7, 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, Charlotte Tatum, Bonnie Tesson, Joy Wade, Kay Watts and Paulette Carr, Council Liaison.

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Approved Absence: Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney, Bobette Patton

Disposition of Minutes from June 11, 2013

Ms. Tatum noted she was missing from the list of present members. Ms. Schmidt moved approval of minutes with changes, Ms. Watts seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Scheduled Citizen Comments

Style in the Loop: Mary Gorman, of Style in the Loop, announced this year's show will be held on Sunday, September 29, in conjunction with St. Louis Fashion Week. Delmar will be shut down for the proceedings, from the Limits to 3 Kings, from 3 to 6 p.m., that day. 27 Loop-based boutiques will participate, as will the Missouri Ballet Theatre.

Fair UCity: Sharon Logan of Fair UCity gave a run-down of the events and activities scheduled at this year's fair, September 6 to 8 in Heman Park. She asked for the commission to fund one of the musical performers.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported in Ms. Patton's absence: she distributed a copy of the latest commission bank statement. Ms. Henderson made a motion to approve the report, pending audit. Ms. Tatum seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported the suggestion from a caller that the photo show winners who will be included in the calendar be notified of their selection. It was also suggested by the caller that winners be sent a copy of the calendar.

Other items: 1) The RAC Grant was in on time. 2) Investigation of the cost of a table cover with the commission's logo was \$300. 3) The Missouri not-for-profit form was due by end of August.

Council Liaison Report

Ms. Carr reported on current activities by city council, including: flooding problems, street sweeping for private subdivisions being revisited, and the Sutter-Meyer house being looked at to become a park like Hanley House. Ms. Carr also invited everyone to try the trial roundabout in the Loop.

Committee Reports

- Sculpture: Ms. Schmidt reported there was no news. Sarah Thiess' piece was still being considered as a permanent exhibit by U City in Bloom.
- Returning Artist: Ms. Watts was talking to Sandy Weltman, a local musician, for the next Returning Artist event.
- Photo Show: Ms. Romero said they were trying to move the date for next year's Photo Show.
- Starlight Concert: Ms. Henderson noted the attendance continued to be considerably larger this year than last. The Visa/MasterCard gift cards for the raffle seemed to be the most successful and continuing with those as gifts for next year is being considered. She asked for \$250 from the commission to buy Visa/MasterCard gift cards for the remaining concerts of 2013. Ms. Watts made a motion for the purchase. Ms. Stang seconded. All approved.
- 2-D Print Series: Ms. Parker Castro reported there was no news to report.
- Literary/Letters Report: Ms. Sullivan reported on the first meeting of the committee, that they had many ideas focusing around activities at the schools, community-wide events and awards to honor local writers.
- Marketing and Development: Mr. Burr reported the committee developed a set of goals, with its top priority being the development of a structure and process for marketing the commission and its events.

Old Business

Movies: Mr. Burr reported the June movie had been rescheduled, because of rain, to July 13 in Kaufman Park. PTOs would be there, as would the U City Youth Society. The Green Center would be helping with a scavenger hunt for families.

Marty Ehrlich: Ms. Parker-Castro reported Mr. Ehrlich would be available first week of October. They will need to meet with New Circle to get an exact date.

Mannequins in the Loop: Ms. Tesson attended the reception. She noted her son, Cameron, took first place and his piece will travel for an exhibit in Kansas City.

New Business

Fair UCity: Ms. Stang made a motion for the commission to pay \$1,500 toward the cost of the band Fat Pocket to play at Fair UCity. Ms. Watts seconded. All approved.

Commission Retreat: Ms. Parker Castro was working on a date between August 18 and 24 for a commission retreat at the RAC building on Delmar.

Adjournment

Ms. Henderson moved to adjourn. Ms. Watts seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:01.