



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
June 11, 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, Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney, Frederick Fehr, Melcine Henderson, Bobette Patton, Barbara Romero, Mary Dee Schmidt, Winnie Sullivan, Bonnie Tesson, Joy Wade, Kay Watts and Paulette Carr, Council Liaison.

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Approved Absence: Susan Hacker Stang

Disposition of Minutes from May 14, 2013

Ms. Parker-Castro noted Ms. Tesson brought up the Jackie Robinson Essay winner, not Ms. Watts. Ms. Wade noted there were 8 applicants for the Photo Show and not 15. Ms. Schmidt moved approval of minutes with changes, Ms. Watts seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Scheduled Citizen Comments

Jen Jensen brought in printed examples of the historical artwork housed in the University City school system, which she has cataloged since 1997. She said she hopes to pass an electronic form of her inventory on to others. Ms. Parker-Castro said the commission would be discussing the possibilities of this inventory.

Jeremy Kannapell from the New Music Circle asked for the commission's help in coordinating workshops, classes and other events for local musician Marty Ehrlich's visit in October 4 or 5.

Audrey Jones from Mannequins on the Loop reported on the success of this year's exhibition and invited the commissioners to the finale on June 30.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Patton reported: she distributed a copy of the latest commission bank statement. Ms. Henderson made a motion to approve the report, pending audit. Ms. Watts seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported: Information on the upcoming Starlight Concerts were scheduled with the city's social media like Facebook. She is working with Ms. Schmidt on completing the RAC grant for the Sculpture series.

Council Liaison Report

Ms. Carr reported: Reminded she is looking for commission info to include in her regular newsletter. She also announced the St. Louis Fashion Week, scheduled for September. An arts component of the event will be brought to the commission meeting for approval in July.

Committee Reports

- Sculpture: Ms. Schmidt reported she is working with Ms. Euell-Taylor on completing the RAC Grant application and that a letter is being worked on to be sent to Marvin Levy. She said there was no news from U City in Bloom on their purchase of Sarah Theis' sculpture.
- Returning Artist: Ms. Watts said she is still looking for possible participants for next year.
- Photo Show: Ms. Wade reported that they will be working on picking photos for the calendar.
- Starlight Concert: Ms. Henderson brought print-outs of the schedules. She reported around \$175 was taken in on the raffle and Speedway's food truck almost sold out. She reminded the commission of the need for gift certificates for the raffle, and sought ideas and assistance in getting more. A sign-up sheet was passed around for commissioners to volunteer their efforts in acquiring certificates.

Ms. Euell Taylor was going to look into seeing if lights can be left on later in the park on concert nights.

- 2-D Print Series: Ms. Parker-Castro reported she is working with Ms. Schmidt on the letter to Martin Levy.
- Marketing and Development: Ms. Parker-Castro asked that something be put together for the June 11 meeting. Mr. Burr, Ms. Sullivan, and Ms. Wade said they would schedule a meeting before then.

Old Business

Mr. Burr reported on the opening night of the Movies in the Parks series in May, "Hugo" in Heman Park. The turn-out was small and they are looking at ways to increase the audience for the June film, Happy Feet Two, in Kaufman Park.

New Business

Photo selections for the calendar were voted on.

Motion by Ms. Parker-Castro was made for the commission to work with New Circle on coordinating a program in October. Ms. Henderson seconded. All approved. Ms. Parker-Castro said a note would be sent to Mr. Kannapell about this approval.

Ms. Sullivan proposed forming a committee to look at literary events for Arts & Letters and asked commissioners to talk to her about working on this committee.

Adjournment

Ms. Henderson moved to adjourn. Ms. Watts seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:57.