



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

President Adelia Parker-Castro called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Other members present were Garrie Burr, Ann Cortinovic, Maria D'Agrosa-Sweeney, Melcine Henderson, Bobette Patton, Barbara Romero, Mary Dee Schmidt, Susan Stang, Charlotte Tatum, Bonnie Tesson, Kay Watts and Paulette Carr, Council Liaison.

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Excused Absences: Frederick Fehr, Winnie Sullivan, Joy Wade

Disposition of Minutes from February 12, 2013

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

Scheduled Citizen Comments

Patrick Wall, director of University City Public Library, informed the commission on the upcoming National Days of Remembrance events scheduled for April. Asked the commission's assistance in getting the word out and for possible help at the events.

Audrey Jones, local fashion designer, gave a presentation on the upcoming 5th annual Mannequins in the Loop project which opens with a kick-off on April 20. Mr. Burr made a motion to approve this project, Ms. Henderson seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Patton reported: she distributed a copy of the latest commission bank statement, reflecting the balance as of February 28, 2013. 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 press release has gone out to Brighton Agency for Sculpture show. She requested 2D and Sculpture get her info about signage for pieces. She asked that new members contact her for info to be added to the contact sheet.

Council Liaison Report

Ms. Carr reported: The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was approved for the trolley by city council at their 3/11 meeting. The Historic Preservation Committee will consider the plans for the system's roundabout.

Committee Reports

- Sculpture: Ms. Schmidt reported that Sculpture and 2D had discussed the opening reception for their events and she would defer the detailing of that to the 2D section.

Judging of the sculptures will be done prior to the reception at 2 on Sunday, April 7. Ms. Schmidt asked that commissioners wishing to participate in judging should meet at noon in the library parking lot.

Mr. Burr reported the sculptors for the project had been invited to a Parkview Garden 'block party' on Sunday, March 26 and extended the invitation to include the commission.

- Returning Artist: Ms. Watts presented copies of an article on the program which appeared in a recent St. Louis American. A copy of the city's Pride newsletter was also noted to include a write-up on the Returning Artist program.

The official report on this year's event has been delayed.

- Photo Show: In Ms. Wade's absence, Ms. Romero asked for help from the commissioners on April 29 to organize photos and prepare labels, along with lending other assistance, as needed, for the photo show judges. She also asked for assistance in the display of the photos on April 30 in the library.

Ms. Euell-Taylor passed on Ms. Wade's report that only a handful of brochures were left. and that the posters are ready.

- Starlight Concert: Ms. Henderson reported contracts for this year's programs had changed so bands can begin their set-up at 3:30, and that their shows can then begin exactly at the scheduled start time of 6 p.m.

Mr. Yancy at University City High School will work with students on the new posters. Artists will be providing photos for the posters, as well.

She also reported that Commerce Bank will donate funds to assist the concerts. Food trucks are also planning to attend the events.

- 2-D Print Series: Ms. Parker-Castro reported Ms. Sullivan was working on a special invitation for the reception. The reception will be titled "Public Art Reception" and will combine recognition of both the 2-D and the Sculpture projects.

2-D art will be installed from April 1 to April 5 in the library. Commission volunteers were sought to assist in this installation. She also asked for volunteers on April 7 to assist in set-up and clean-up duties and a sign-up sheet was distributed for this volunteer work.

The 2-D committee asked for \$500 from Arts & Letters for the reception and for \$550 in prizes to the 2-D participating artists (\$200 first prize, \$150 second prize, \$100 third prize and two \$50 gift cards). Ms. Watts made a motion to approve this amount totaling \$1050 and Mr. Burr seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

- Marketing: Postponed till next month.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

Ms. Parker-Castro introduced new commissioner, Susan Stang. She also announced that the next meeting would include a presentation by Jen Jensen on her catalog of public art in University City.

Adjournment

Ms. Parker-Castro moved to adjourn. Ms. Henderson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.