



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
May 14, 2013
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Adelia Parker-Castro called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Susan Hacker Stang, Bonnie Tesson, Kay Watts and Paulette Carr, Council Liaison.

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Approved Absence: Charlotte Tatum

Unapproved Absence: Winnie Sullivan and Joy Wade

Disposition of Minutes from April 9, 2013

Ms. Parker-Castro asked for proclamation regarding 2D results be added. Ms. Stang asked that the hyphenation be removed from "Susan Hacker-Stang". Ms. Henderson moved approval of minutes with changes, Ms. Watts seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Scheduled Citizen Comments

No comments

Treasurer Report

Ms. Patton reported: she distributed a copy of the latest commission bank statement, in a new format. She asked about creation of a Thank You card to be given to donors with the tax exempt notice. Ms. Henderson made a motion to approve the report, pending audit. Ms. Romero seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported: asked for volunteers from commissioners for the National Kids to Parks Day.

Council Liaison Report

Ms. Carr reported: It is the middle of budget season for council but she doesn't anticipate changes for Arts & Letters. She also reported council's continued consideration of roundabout testing for the trolley. The bicycle and pedestrian path project is being tweaked and will be brought back to council.

Committee Reports

- Sculpture: Ms. Schmidt reported U City in Bloom is looking into making Sarah Theis' sculpture permanent after the sculpture show ends in September. The piece would then be moved to the Bird Sanctuary. Ms. Euell-Taylor noted that this consideration should be brought before the Parks commission.

Ms. Schmidt also said she was working with Ms. Euell-Taylor on the RAC grant. Mr. Burr reported on the Sam Fox sculptors' attendance at the Parkview Gardens neighborhood party hosted by Washington University.

- Returning Artist: Ms. Watts reported she was still seeking to expand the list of additional artists for possible selections at future Returning Artists' events and asked the commissioners for their suggestions.
- Photo Show: Ms. Romero reminded that the show was set to go Sunday, May 19 and asked about the refreshments commissioners planned to provide. She reported that they had fifteen applicants at this year's show.
- Starlight Concert: Ms. Henderson brought print-outs of the new concert posters and reported on plans for advertising, including her contact with Mary Sawyer of the Brighton Agency. She asked for \$80 to be given to the School District for printing costs of the posters and also asked approval of two \$25 gift certificates for the students who designed the posters. Ms. Schmidt made a motion to approve the requested \$130, Ms. Watts seconded. Vote taken: all approved.
- 2-D Print Series: Ms. D'Agrosa-Sweney reported the paintings had all been picked up from the library and that there had been interest expressed by a private individual to purchase the first prize painting. They were working on scheduling a meeting with Dean Buzz Spector to discuss next year's series. Ms. Stang volunteered to work on 2-D.
- Marketing: Ms. Parker-Castro reminded that Ms. Sullivan has volunteered to work on Marketing. Clarification of working with Brighton Agency was discussed, Mr. Burr asking if the commission could get a list of where Brighton was sending the individual Arts & Letters press releases.

Old Business

Ms. Parker-Castro and Ms. D'Agrosa-Sweney reminded that the Mannequins on the Loop pieces were going up the weekend of May 18.

New Business

Ms. Parker-Castro reported she is working on a date for a retreat with the commissioners. Items for discussion at the retreat would include the Marvin Levy fund.

Ms. Watts reported on the Jackie Robinson Award winning essays presented to fourth grader Xavier-Morgan Gillard and ninth grader Jennifer Wayland at Jackson Park. It was asked that the city give some sort of recognition for this work.

Ms. Romero asked about a sculpture donation to the library. The donor was asked to talk to the library first and if they approved it would then come back to Arts & Letters.

Ms. Romero also reminded commissioners about the show on August 1, featuring art from present and past commissioners. Commissioners would be contacted later with more details about the show.

Adjournment

Ms. Henderson moved to adjourn. Ms. Romero seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.